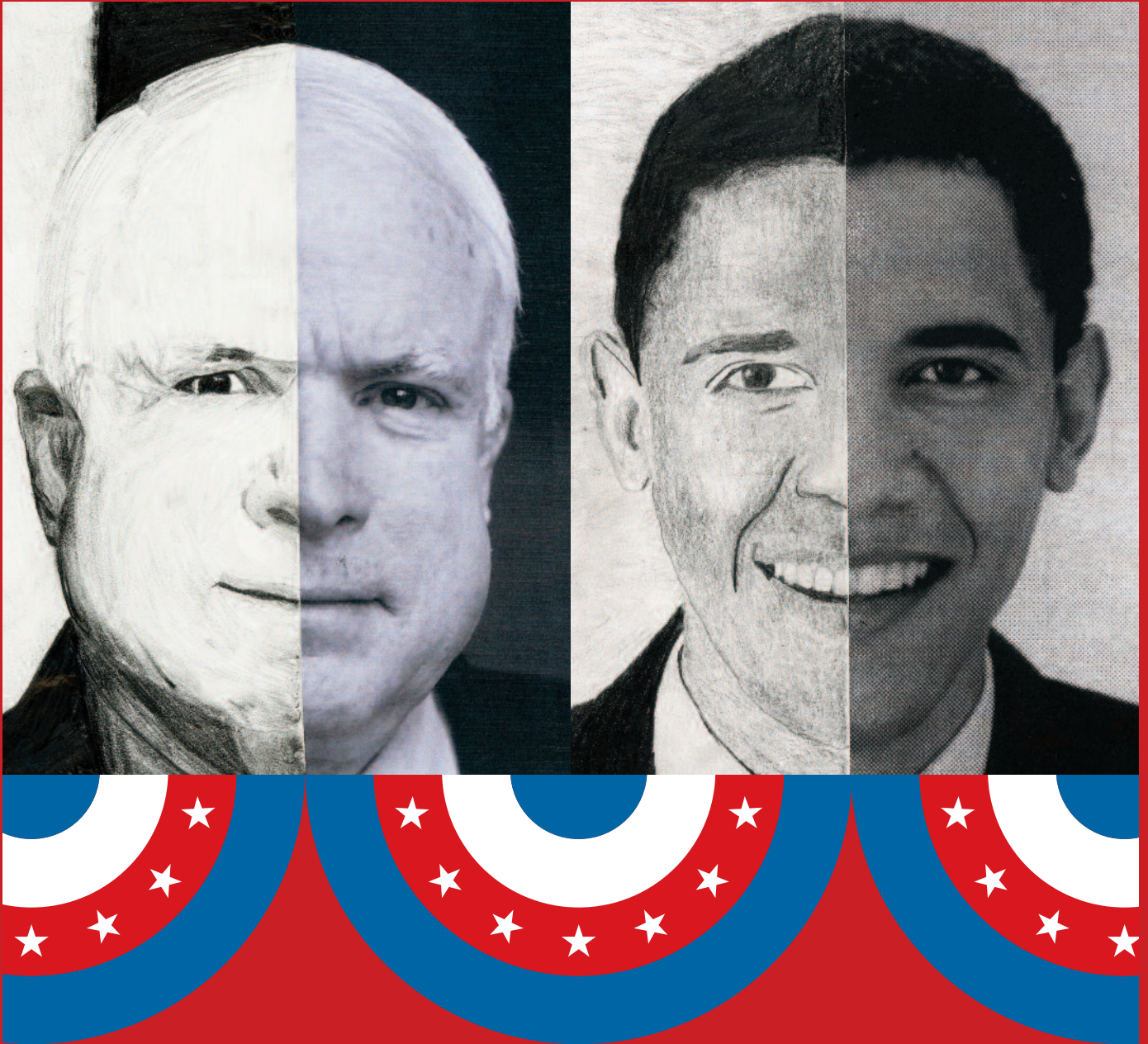


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Dear Friends,

My husband is convinced that I am an NPR junkie. Our alarm clock awakens me every morning with Carl Kasell's voice reading the headlines. All this spring and summer, the news has been increasingly focused on the impending Presidential race, and I have been hooked!

Considering that Park's mission states, "Park's faculty encourages individual students to strive for intellectual, physical and moral growth, and to become contributing members of the community," I figured that there would be many Park School alumni who were involved in politics to some degree. And was I ever right! Just in time for the expected showdown in November, I am excited to present you with profiles of thirteen (a new *Bulletin* record!) alumni participants who stepped up. These individuals share their political stories from the local, state, national, and international arenas. They also span 50 years of Park School history and represent seven states.

The youngest of these contributors, 19-year-old Kenzie Bok '02, remarks that politics is a "realm in which the ultimate determining factor is individual agency. Specific people cast votes, and specific people make decisions, and specific people feel the impact of those decisions. Things can be better or worse because particular individuals get involved or remain aloof. To me, that reality brings with it an obvious responsibility, as a citizen, to get involved and strive to make it 'for better.'" Let that serve as a reminder to all of us to exercise our right to vote on November 4th!

In addition to essays from Duncan Chapman '53, Bonnie Bonnet Akins '56, Judy Chapman '56, Jim Newell '58, Britt Hall '66, Bob Parks '74, Grahame Wells '78, John Tayer '79, Vanessa Kerry '92, Danny Freifeld '94, Colman Chamberlain '96, Alex Aronson '98, and Kenzie Bok '02, this fall issue of the *Bulletin* captures reunion and graduation festivities from spring 2008. You will also find *The 2007-08 Annual Report of Giving*, which lists the names of 976 generous donors whose gifts help make life at Park possible. Thanks to each and every one of you!

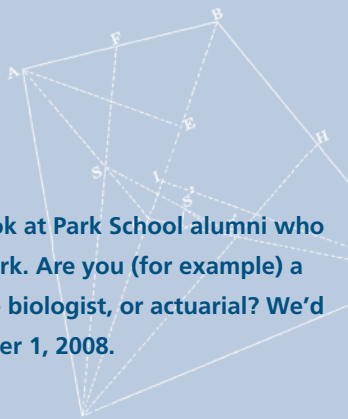
Best wishes for the fall,

Kate

Kate LaPine
Editor

P.S.

In the spring *Bulletin*, we will look at Park School alumni who use science and math in their work. Are you (for example) a rocket scientist, engineer, marine biologist, or actuarial? We'd like to hear from you by December 1, 2008.





around park



The big news around campus is that we received our occupancy permit and welcomed 545 students to a beautifully renovated school on Tuesday, September 9. In addition a new wing for Grades IV and V, air conditioning the main building and replacing every window with triple-pane thermal glass, the library received a much-needed facelift.

Welcome, Eliza Drachman-Jones '98!



The Park School welcomes our new Director of Alumni Relations Eliza Drachman-Jones. Some of you may know Eliza from your days at Park; she graduated with the Class of 1998. We are happy to have her back!

Eliza comes to us from the Harvard development office, where, most recently, she managed the Provost's alumni affairs and development calendars. Eliza majored in sociology at Tufts University, where she also captained the women's varsity squash team, volunteered in the Development Office, and served as a peer

leader for incoming students.

A Boston native, Eliza is a life-long Red Sox fan and is thrilled to be working alongside Red Sox Nation Vice President Rob Crawford, who is also the Director of Development at Park. She loves cooking and trying new restaurants—anything involving food, really—and she always has her eye out for the next new local bakery. Eliza also plays squash and tennis and loves to spend time with her family and friends.

Eliza is thrilled to be back at Park. "I am so lucky to have the opportunity to return to Park and its

vibrant community," she says.

"To my fellow alumni—I can't wait to meet you and hear about your experiences at Park and beyond. If you have any ideas about how to make the Park alumni experience even better, please do not hesitate to let me know. My goal is to connect you with Park and with one another."

To reach Eliza, feel free to contact her anytime: 617-274-6022 or eliza_drachman-jones@parkschool.org.

Park Says Goodbye to Wanda Holland Greene, Prabha Nambiar, and Pat Zifcak

This June, Park said goodbye to three “doyens” of the faculty. On Sunday, June 1, the School community gathered in the West Gym for a gala send-off celebrating Wanda Holland Greene’s eleven years joy-filled years at Park. In a separate celebration a week later, dozens of current and former colleagues toasted Pat Zifcak’s and Prabha Nambiar’s combined 52 years of outstanding teaching.



Wanda M. Holland Greene
(1997–2008)

When Wanda arrived at Park in 1997 as the Upper School division head, the 29-year-old administrator was a true New Yorker. “When I first moved to Boston, I was amazed by all the sky! In N.Y.C., you can tell if it’s raining if you look down from your window and the taxis are using their wipers. Here, you can tell by looking UP!” She got a driver’s license, bought a car, and embarked on a seven-year run on the fourth floor. In her last year as Upper School Head, she also served as Acting Head of School for six months while Jerry Katz was on sabbatical. The following year, in 2004, she was named Assistant Head of School for Program & Professional Development.

In this position, Wanda facilitated specific initiatives in differentiated instruction, diversity, service learning, and the instructional use of technology, administered the faculty professional development program, and overseen the school’s academic program. Wanda led the School’s self-study and re-accreditation process in 2005 and produced Park’s first comprehensive curriculum guide in 2007.

On July 1, Wanda assumed the helm at The Hamlin School, a K-8 girls’ school in San Francisco. “Becoming the head of Hamlin is my dream job,” Wanda confesses. “As a graduate of the Chapin School in New York, I am the product of a girls’ school. I know from personal experience that spending one’s formative years in an all-girls environment positions a young woman for high achievement and success... I feel compelled to support girls in their individual quests to discover their passions, opinions, and dreams. I want to keep alive in them the ability to imagine the vast possibilities for themselves

and for the world.”

In her own family, girls are in short supply. Wanda and her husband, Robert, are the parents of two sons, David (3) and Jonathan (4 months). Much to her chagrin, the thoroughly urban Wanda admits that David loves being outside. “I haven’t been camping yet, but I know it’s coming! At least San Francisco’s temperate climate makes you want to get more connected to the environment. I’m actually looking forward to spending more time outside.”

What will she miss most about Park? “I love Park’s rituals — little Nursery farmers singing “Shoo Turkey” at Grandparents’ Day, the daily ceremony of Morning Meeting — these things punctuate the year and are really unique to Park. And, I know I will miss my colleagues and the kids.”

At the close of the school year, Wanda, Robert, David, and Jonathan moved to San Francisco to embark on a new chapter. All their friends at Park wish them the best!



“Ms. Nambiar brings science to life,” one of her many young admirers says. A veteran teacher whose lessons are always current, Prabha is a member of the National Science Teachers Association and the Massachusetts Association of Science Teachers. Constantly on the lookout to learn more herself, Prabha has availed herself of several professional development opportunities at Park: in 1991, she went in search of warm water eddies in the North Atlantic with a team of scientists from Woods Hole, and in 2003, she received a Horizon Grant to study evolution in the Galapagos Islands.

After teaching science in India for 16 years, Prabha moved to Boston in 1984. She discovered that American schools would not recognize her foreign degrees, so Prabha earned an Ed.M from Harvard and

an M.A. in teaching from Tufts. After a year in a Medford public school, she joined the Park science faculty in 1988. In her first year at Park, Prabha taught science and math to sixth through ninth graders. In subsequent years, she has taught all of the science disciplines, but her favorite is biology and life science. “Physics and the other sciences are great,” she says, “but I really like the tangible.”

In the nine years that she served as Science Department head (from 1992-2001), Prabha focused on the science curriculum for the whole school. Prior to 1996, Grades I-III would learn science from their teachers and formal science instruction began in Grade IV. That year, while the West Building was under construction, Prabha decided to write a curriculum for the younger grades. Soon, she could be seen wheeling a cart down the hallway on her way to teach the young students. These visits evolved into regular classes for

Grades I-III in the Main Building’s science room and lab.

In addition to teaching science to every grade in the Upper School, Prabha has also been an advisor to every grade. Most recently, Prabha has been working with fourth and fifth graders. “Fifth graders can really relate when we study bacteria and viruses. They say — I was sick with a cold last week!” Prabha works with students in the summers as well. In her Real World Science camp, Prabha shows kids ages 8-11 how science is a part of everyday life, including an age-appropriate forensic unit! Prabha plans to continue working at Summer@Park for many years to come.

A phenomenal cook, Prabha organized a cooking club for faculty and for many years offered up a lavish “Indian Feast for Five” that fetched a handsome sum in School auctions. She also planned and led two trips to her native India, taking a group of teachers and parents in 2000 and 2005. Her sons Alex (32) lives in Boston, Harry (31) lives in Burlington, Vermont, and her youngest, Freddy (Park ’95) is in a medical internship program at Georgetown. She and her husband, Frankie Molina, a native Puerto Rican, have a wonderful house right on the beach and get away to their tropical retreat as often as they can. The couple plans to summer in Boston and spend the cold months in Puerto Rico.

Prabha Nambiar (1988–2008)



In September 1976, Pat Zifcak joined Park's Physical Education department. In the ensuing 32 years, Ms. Zifcak (aka Ms. Skipjack, Ms. Fixed Cat, and Ms. Zip Calf) has influenced the lives of hundreds of students – on the playing fields and the gymnasium floor, in the Growth Ed classroom, and from the secondary school counseling office.

Pat has come to know nearly every child in the school in P.E. or by coaching field hockey and lacrosse teams over the years. A defining moment for Pat and the members of the 1987 Girls' Varsity Lacrosse team came in their final game of an undefeated season against Shore Country Day. The team found itself in a tie at the end of the game, which Pat, as the

coach, considered to be a good option rather than risk a loss in overtime. But, she called the two ninth grade captains over and let them decide. The girls elected not to accept the tie and pursued an overtime win. Pat remembers fondly, "I learned a lot about myself and the girls in that game."

Known for a teaching style that is imbued with instruction and counseling, Pat's peaceful demeanor enables students and colleagues to speak candidly. "Teaching at Park, you really get to know each student individually and as a whole person. Park's philosophy of education and mine match up very well. I'm glad to be part of an institution where we ask 'What's the best thing for the child?' in making decisions."

Outside of the gym, Pat began teaching Growth Ed in 1980 and assumed the role of Department

Head in 1984 — a post she would hold for 16 years! Since 1996, she has also been a secondary school counselor and helped guide students and their parents through the admissions process. Last but not least, as a Grade VI advisor, Pat has helped 20 years of sixth graders make their way through the Upper School, and, for the last four years, she has worked with 13- and 14-year-olds as a Grade VIII advisor.

Away from Goddard Avenue, Pat is very busy with the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts. Following many years of discernment, an M.Div. from Andover Newton Theological School, and completion of the Diaconate Formation Program, Pat became a vocational deacon in June 2002 (a position in the Episcopal Church where one ministers through service). After leaving Park, Pat will continue to coordinate the program for the diocese and will continue to serve as a deacon at St. James Episcopal Church, Woonsocket, where she helps develop religious education programs and curricula and hires Sunday school teachers.

Pat will also continue to minister in "The Outdoor Church," a non-denominational and ecumenical outdoor ministry to homeless men and women in Cambridge that she helped develop. Every Sunday afternoon, Pat drives to

the Cambridge Common and brings bag lunches and clean socks and offers prayer services and pastoral assistance outdoors. "These men and women," Pat explains, "because of shame or embarrassment, hostility or illness, cannot or will not enter conventional churches. We take the church to those who cannot or will not reach it on their own."

Luckily, we know that Pat won't stay too far away from Park — the family ties are too strong! Her daughter, Dana Welshman-Studley '85, who followed in her mom's footsteps as a P.E. teacher and field hockey and lacrosse coach, and granddaughter, River Studley '16, say they miss her already. We look forward to welcoming Pat back as a special guest at Grandparents' Day 2008!

Pat Zifcak (1976-2008)





Marcus Cherry

A Washington, D.C. native, Marcus was a three-season athlete in high school, but it was football that brought him to Boston College. As a wide receiver who started for three years, he was named All-ECAC Wide Receiver his senior year. Marcus signed as a free agent for the Washington Redskins and played for the Barcelona Dragons in the inaugural year of the World League of American Football.

An interest in advising student athletes brought him back to B.C.'s Lynch School of Education for a master's in counseling psychology. Marcus soon developed a love for working with children and families and graduated with a PhD. Now, a staff and attending psychologist in the Department of Psychiatry at Children's Hospital, Marcus is also an instructor in psychology at Harvard Medical School. For his successful pairing of clinical work with teaching and supervision of psychiatry and psychology fellows, Marcus was awarded the 2008 Gerald Koocher Award for Excellence in Teaching in the Department of Psychology at

Children's Hospital, Boston.

Marcus met his wife Christine during graduate school and has two children, Alex (Grade II) and Alaina (Grade I). When looking at schools for their children, Marcus and Christine attended an Open House at Park and "knew this was *the* school." The Cherrys became active volunteers at Park right away. Christine has been a Class Representative and an Annual Fund volunteer, and the couple are Springfest regulars. Marcus has also served as Co-Chair of the P.A. Diversity Committee and as a member of the Trustee Diversity Committee.

When they are away from Park, you can find the Cherry family on a Dedham town sports team. Christine coaches Alex and Alaina's soccer teams, and Marcus coaches both of their basketball teams. The family feels "blessed to be part of a growing, diverse, and committed community of children, parents, teachers, staff, and administrators."

Teresa Chope

Teresa and her sister grew up in a farming community in rural Kentucky. She remembers chasing butterflies, lots of bee stings on her feet from going barefoot in the summer, and speaks fondly of the delicious veggies from her grandmother's one-acre garden. When she wasn't on the farm, she was working at her family's pharmacy, which lead to a long-term interest in advancing human health.

Teresa's twenty years of experience in the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries include both start-up companies and large corporations. In 2008, she founded The Ford/Chope Group, a consulting firm that supports the development and commercialization of medicines to fulfill unmet medical needs.



Previously, Teresa held senior positions at Critical Therapeutics and Merck and served as an internal strategic consultant at Genzyme. Teresa was recognized by Merck as Marketer of the Year while leading the launch of VIOXX as senior director of marketing during her 13 years with the company.

Teresa received a BA from Vanderbilt University and an MBA from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. While at Vanderbilt studying economics, Teresa met her future husband, Douglas, who was studying engineering. Douglas spent childhood summers in Cotuit on Cape Cod, and his love for the area ultimately drew them to Boston. Teresa and Douglas lived in Nashville, Philadelphia, and Washington, D.C., before settling in Brookline with their three children, Clasby '13, Ford '15, and Sallie Lawrence '17.

"When applying to schools in the Boston area," Teresa says, "Park stood out from the beginning with its dedicated faculty, academic excellence, warmth, and expansive green space." Since joining the Park School community in 2003, Teresa and Douglas have been increasingly involved as volunteers for

the Annual Fund, *The Park Parent*, and with a variety of Parents' Association committees. Teresa's two-year term as president of the P.A. begins this fall, and she looks forward to leading the parent community. In addition to her work for Park, Teresa also volunteers her time as a supporter of Tenacity, the Brookline Foundation for the Arts, and the Church of the Redeemer.

Brian Kavogian

Brian and Susan Kavogian live in Wellesley with their two Park School students, Tyler (13) and Sarah (10) and their son, Scott (16). A native of Shrewsbury, Brian attended the local public school system before moving to Boston for college. At Tufts University, he met his wife, Susan, who was studying to become an occupational therapist.

Brian is the president and founder of Charles River Realty Investors, a private equity real estate investment firm. Prior to forming Charles River, Brian was a principal of The

Davis Companies and a senior managing director of Holliday Fenoglio Fowler.

Brian is involved with a number of civic, charitable, and industry-related organizations. In 2005, the Governor appointed him to the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency. Brian is a trustee of Tufts University and an overseer of the Tisch College at Tufts. He also serves on the Board of Directors and as treasurer of the Greater Boston YMCA and is a member of the Board of Overseers of Newton-Wellesley Hospital. Brian is a member of the Board of Directors of the local chapter of The National Association of Industrial and Office Parks, and in 2004, he served as the chairman of the Greater Boston Real Estate Board.

In their short time at Park, Brian and Susan have become very active parents. Brian has served on the Building and Grounds Committee and volunteered for the Annual Fund and the Capital Campaign. Susan volunteers in the library and on various P.A. committees. As a member of Park School's Board of Trustees, Brian looks forward to playing a more active role in "the very special Park community."



Anne Punzak Marcus

Anne Punzak Marcus resides in Brookline with her husband, Paul, and their two sons, Robbie (14) and Christopher (10), who is in Grade IV at Park.

Anne's oldest son, Robbie, was born with cerebral palsy. Actively involved in a project to advance mental health support for adolescents in urban schools, Anne is also spearheading a research project to develop new approaches for teaching social pragmatic skills to children with special needs, by utilizing some of the recent scientific advances on how



the brain learns. She and her husband, Paul, founded the Children's Hospital Developmental Medicine Center Philanthropic Leadership Council. In addition, Anne is an Overseer of Children's Hospital and is involved with many local organizations that benefit children with disabilities.

From 1984 until 2002, Anne worked for Fidelity Investments, where her positions included portfolio manager of several municipal bond funds and research director for the Fixed Income Division. She obtained a BS from Boston College School of Management and an MBA from the Wharton School at The University of Pennsylvania.

Anne is an active volunteer with several not-for-profit organizations. She currently is a member and past chair of the Board of Directors of Families First, which is dedicated to parenting education and support. She also serves on the Advocacy and Government Relations Committee of the Autism Consortium, a disease-based collaboration involving 14 Boston-area institutions that advances understanding and treatment of developmental brain disorders. Anne is also a member of The Dana-Farber Women's Cancers Visiting

Committee and the Justine Mee Liff Endowment Committee for the Emerald Necklace Conservancy.

At Park, Anne has been involved with the Parents' Association for several years and currently holds the position of treasurer.

Happy Sprague Rowe

Happy, the youngest of six children, grew up near Portland, Maine, in Prout's Neck, a predominately summer community. Fortuitously, Will and his family spent their summers at Prout's Neck, and in 1995 Happy and Will were married. They now live in Chestnut Hill with their son, George (Grade II at Park).

Both Will and Happy enjoyed their grammar school and high school years, and they are delighted to see George enthusiastically jump out of the car (or in good weather, off his bike) to embrace the Park community. Happy attended Waynflete School in Portland through ninth grade and graduated from



Dana Hall School in Wellesley.

Following her years at Denison University, she began a career in the investment business at Tucker Anthony, Inc. in Boston and later worked for the affiliated money management firm, Freedom Capital Management. In 2000, she joined The Boston Family Office, where as a partner, she manages individual investment portfolios for family groups and individuals.

Happy recently completed her service as a Dana Hall trustee and was honored to serve as chair of that board for many years. Currently, she is on the Board of Ambassadors for The Home for Little Wanderers. At Park, Will volunteers for the Annual Fund and Happy has served as a class representative. She looks forward to becoming more involved with Park through her service on the Board of Trustees.

Garrett Solomon '86

Garrett was born in California but grew up in Dedham until his family relocated to Westchester County, New York, in 1986. The oldest of four siblings who all attended Park (Hadley '88, Avery '92 and Sam '96), Garrett spent Grades VII-IX on Goddard Avenue. After graduating from The Johns Hopkins University in 1993, he lived in N.Y.C. and Los Angeles before returning to Boston in 1999. He now lives in Wellesley with his wife, Becky, their one-year-old fraternal twins, Cooper and Campbell, and their golden doodle, Luke. In his limited free time, Garrett remains an active soccer player and an avid Boston sports fan.

Garrett is the president of Rockpoint Land, LLC, a national residential land investment and development company. Before joining Rockpoint in 2003, Garrett was the chief operating officer and director of acquisitions for Terrabrook, one of the nation's leading



master-planned community developers. Previously, he worked at Westbrook Real Estate Partners, a global real estate investment manager and in the investment banking division at Morgan Stanley & Co.

Since returning to Boston and reconnecting with his Park School classmates, Garrett has been an active member of Park's Alumni Committee. In 2007 he served on Park's Building and Grounds Committee. Along with members of his 20th reunion class, Garrett was a leader in establishing the Class of 1986 Scholarship Fund, which enables a Steppingstone student to enroll at Park. Garrett also participates in the Second Decade Society, an alumni leadership program at Johns Hopkins. Garrett notes that he is "looking forward to serving the Park School community as a member of the Board of Trustees so that future generations of students can enjoy experiences as rewarding as my own."

Suzie Tapson

Growing up in a small Northern California town, Suzie lived a rural life much different from the city experience her boys are getting growing up in downtown Boston. She has tried to bring a little country to the city by planting pumpkins in their sidewalk tree pit but has met with little success. In California, Suzie learned American history mostly through the lens of the California Gold Rush and has very much enjoyed filling in the gaps through her boys' study of the Colonial era, Native American cultures, and the Revolutionary War, while in Park's Lower Division.

Upon graduating from Harvard, Suzie spent a year in New York before returning to Boston to work as a consultant with Temple, Barker and Sloane in the technology field. She received an MBA from Harvard Business School in 1994 and worked for the Boston Consulting Group, where she met her husband, Gordon Burnes. She was at BCG for three years and then moved to a medical technology start-up where she became the acting CEO.

Suzie is now a stay-at-home parent who stays active in her community through work on various boards, including the Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts where, she runs the education committee, and the Beacon Hill Nursery School, where she is the former board chair. She also has worked on several strategic consulting projects for local non-profits. Suzie is now taking writing classes and is trying to write a memoir, a new direction sparked somewhat by how much she enjoys writing for *The Park Parent*.

This year, Suzie and Gordon will have all three of their boys at Park—twins Eli and Henry in the fourth grade and Oscar in Kindergarten. Suzie is looking forward to increasing her involvement with the School and will be serving on the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees.





— *Class of 2008* —

GRADUATION 2008

Each year, an alumnus/a with six years of post-Park experience addresses the graduating class. Alex Lebow joined the Park School Class of 2002 as a sixth grader and quickly became known throughout the school for his personal warmth, unfailing kindness and loyalty to his friends, respect for his teachers, responsible and ethical decision-making, and enthusiastic Student Council leadership. Alex received The Ellen Fowler Award for his good citizenship at graduation and continued to stand out at Phillips Academy, Andover. Alex pursued his passion for sports and writing at the University of Southern California's Annenberg School for Communication for two years but recently shifted his focus to politics. He is currently a political science major at the University of Southern California's School of Letters, Arts, and Science, having completed an internship with Congressman Barney Frank in Washington, D.C., this spring, and at a political consulting firm in Los Angeles this summer.



2008 GRADUATION ADDRESS

by Alex Lebow, Class of 2002

Good morning, Class of 2008. Congratulations and thank you so very much for inviting me to be a part of this ceremony.

I stand here today simply and sincerely as your peer with a few extra years under my belt. Although some time has passed since I sat underneath this same tent, I know without surveying the crowd, that today's celebration reminds all of us—students, faculty, staff, parents, and alumni alike why *this* particular school is unique. The Park School offers extraordinary academic, athletic, and cultural opportunities to us young people. This you know. But if my travels beyond Boston have made me thankful for anything, it is this institution's emphasis on educating students (myself included) about our responsibilities as citizens. The ability to exist responsibly and generously in our world is as rare as it is essential, and lucky for us, it accounts for the very basis of our education. As the mission statement reads, The Park School "encourages individual students to strive for intellectual, physical, and moral growth, and to become contributing members of their community."

This school initiated my understanding of moral citizenship and encouraged me to take a role in every community, no matter how loosely defined. I used to limit the word "citizen" to what the dictionary calls an inhabitant of a state or country. Yet, I have come to realize that citizen is a term that encompasses far more than residency. To truly consider yourself a citizen you must be making some effort to act towards the betterment of your community.

As members of the Park School community, we participate in extra-curricular activities, we raise our voices in the classroom, and we volunteer our time on behalf of the less fortunate. But perhaps most importantly, we interact and share ideas with our fellow citizens. Four of these citizens, Ms. Hol-

land Greene, Ms. Zifcack, Ms. Nambiar, and Mr. Phinisee will soon step away from 171 Goddard Ave, but they will always remain members of this community.

Throughout my short journey from that stage to my final year in college, I have learned that a successful atmosphere is based on the genuine relationships that exist between individuals. One of our most important responsibilities as citizens is to better appreciate the diverse perspectives of both peers and of strangers. We continue to understand our roles as citizens from often-informal interactions and conversations with people from all walks of life.

We are taught from an early age the importance of courtesy, simple gestures like saying “please” and “thank you.” I witnessed a remarkable act of citizenship while walking through Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport a few weeks ago. While lasting no more than a minute, this interaction struck me as powerful and worth sharing. A father, trailed by his two children; stopped an American serviceman, dressed in fatigues, in the middle of a busy terminal. He simply said “Sir, *thank you* for your service.” The father proceeded to engage the soldier, introducing his children to the young man. This random act of gratitude went a long way in my book.

To the Class of 2008, and all the young people in this

audience (let’s first classify young as those of us who were born right around when the Celtics fell from greatness in the 1980s), managing our academic and social routines sometimes hinders our ability to improve our communities. Most importantly, however, *this* time is *our* time. Our generation, one that has been endowed with innovations, technology, and Boston World Championships has been placed in the most ideal position to improve our world community. Mere *membership* in this privileged generation requires us to serve and give back.

A few weeks ago, I attended a cocktail party where, despite some incredible remarks, a well-known political personality made a particularly irksome and thus memorable statement. He claimed that our generation is apathetic, unenthusiastic, and unprepared for our upcoming role as leaders. Though my trek up Capitol Hill has just begun, my experiences as a world citizen provide me some authority not only to disagree, but also to offer a correction to this accusation; our generation is *fully* equipped to take on the challenges across the globe. With so much happening in this country and abroad, we, as young people have an obligation to pay attention, to absorb information and in turn to act. Regardless of party affiliation or political beliefs, this election season has convinced me of the power of democracy. Through voting and activism,



we have a chance to tackle issues and emphasize our generation's commitment to citizenship—and I have no doubt that we will do exactly that.

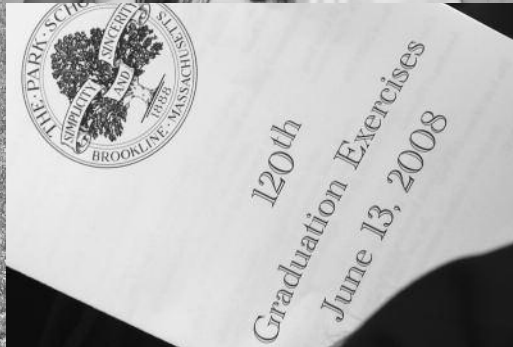
To be truthful, six years ago today I could not have begun to comprehend how fortunate I was to be sitting in those very seats. I, like the soon-to-be graduates, was lucky to celebrate the end of Ninth Grade when other freshmen were at the bottom of the high school food chain. Over the years, I have realized that places like this (and Pino's Pizza for that matter) do not exist across America. With this in mind, I have made a recent effort to pause for a moment each day and consciously acknowledge my fortune—intellectual, personal, and otherwise. I want to share with you one final interaction, which occurred a few months ago and beautifully illustrates the importance of self-awareness and further inspires my attention to citizenship. Sitting outside a café in Los Angeles, clad in a suit and almost on my way to work, I saw a middle-aged man, seemingly homeless, stop amidst the morning chaos of the downtown sidewalk.

He looked at me. I looked back at him. And then he said "Good life, huh?" Not knowing how to respond, I hesitantly said "Yeah." "You earned it," said the man, and he continued down the sidewalk, disappearing into the pedestrian traffic.

Yes, perhaps this wise stranger was in some ways correct. Maybe I earned something, but really, I have been blessed with the most amazing opportunities, due to the generosity of peers, teachers, parents, and, as you may have noticed, even total strangers. If I had time to say something back to that man on a different Los Angeles morning, I would say "Yes, sir. It is a very good life indeed, but I owe it to myself, my family, The Park School, Phillips Academy, and to the University of Southern California to do something meaningful with others in mind."

Class of 2008: you are about to graduate from a wonderful, wonderful institution. Not that I know everything, but what I know for sure is that places like this are few and far between. Together, let's take advantage of our blessings and act as citizens.

Thank you for your time, and please join me in congratulating the soon-to-be-graduates on all they have contributed to our community—and everything I know they will achieve in the future.



Class
Graduation
Speaker:
Woody Bryson



Good morning, everyone. I'm honored to help represent my remarkable friends in Park's Class of 2008. When I reflect back on my ten years here, I am in awe of the wonderful traditions that our Park community celebrates each year. Who can forget the thrill of performing on Grandparents' Day, the contagious enthusiasm of everyone singing "Children, Go Where I Send Thee" at Yule Festival, the pride of mastering the Stick and Maypole Dance in Third Grade, and the sheer joy of Springfest, where you play all your favorite games over, and over, and over again? When I think about these and other incredible Park memories, the one word that constantly comes to mind is "Gratitude."

First, on behalf of my classmates, I want to offer our gratitude to the rest of the students at

The Park School. From hallway interactions to many partnerships with the Lower School children, and from playing sports, making music and performing plays together throughout the year, we salute you, and wish you the very best. One piece of advice we want to share with you is: if possible, "Just do it," and stay for Ninth Grade! You'll be amazed how many leadership opportunities you will have, not to mention the exhilaration of traveling in a foreign country with your friends and teachers, and the excitement and satisfaction of creating your own two-week work-study. It's certainly a year of maturation, adventure and service to the community that most other Ninth Graders never have.

Next, we are eternally grateful to all our devoted teachers and the caring administrators and

staff at Park. You have touched our lives in such positive ways, preparing us for the years ahead. You taught us to "Dare to Care" about each other, and your passion for teaching ignited our passion for learning. You challenged us to the outer-most limits but were always there when we needed help and reassurance. You encouraged us to become creative, bold thinkers with a social conscience. We are very grateful that diversity is at the core of Park's mission, and at an early age, you taught us to respect the dignity of each individual. The extraordinary sense of community at Park is so strong because of its diverse cultural, social and economic makeup. For all your inspiration and compassion, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Our gratitude continues as we pause to thank all you parents,



grandparents, brothers and sisters, other relatives and special friends. Quite simply, where would we be without you? You, too, have always been there when we needed guidance and support. Thanks for watching our plays, recitals and sports contests. Thanks for all the rides here and there. Thanks for being such strong and nurturing role models. We are extremely appreciative of all your efforts and sacrifices to make our lives as meaningful as possible.

And last, but certainly not least, I want to express my personal gratitude toward my fellow classmates. Whether you started Park in Nursery or joined us in Eighth Grade, we have always had a special bond and appreciation for each other's intelligence, many talents and sense of humor. Our teachers and parents continually

tell us how lucky we are to be such great friends, and they are so right. We will definitely miss each other, but I'm confident that we will keep in touch, sharing our experiences as we begin different journeys beyond Park.

In just a few minutes, we will be graduates of The Park School. It's been a true pleasure and a privilege to be part of the Park family, and we will be proud alumni. We are forever grateful for all the life lessons you have taught us about being compassionate, contributing members of society.

Thank you.

2008 GRADUATION AWARDS

THE ELLEN FOWLER AWARD FOR CITIZENSHIP

Dustin Zachary Colson Leaning
Isabelle G. English

THE ISABELLA T. GROBLEWSKI ARTS AWARD

Layla Muchnik-Benali

HEADMASTER'S AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Kendall Catron MacRae

THE CURTIS E. SMITH ATHLETIC AWARD

Gordon Timmins Santry
Natalee S. Sohn

THE JOHN T. SPICER AWARD FOR UNIQUE SERVICE

Sofia Frances Silverglass



Class Graduation Speaker: Natalia Salcedo



I remember it was on a Friday afternoon. I had just finished taking the longest, hardest math test with Mrs. Connolly, and she called me into her office. I was trembling and terrified because I thought she was going to give me bad news about my test, like I had failed it or something. But to my surprise, she asked me if I would like to be this year's graduation speaker.

So now I'm here, speaking in front of all the parents, faculty, alumni, current students and the graduating Class of 2008! I'm so honored to be standing here, because this is a chance to show how much I've grown to love The Park School and all the people in this community.

Since starting Upper School, our grade has been involved in various activities that "unified" us, but for some reason, the ninth

grade year has been more powerful and successful in reaching that goal. Our first class trip was to Stump Sprouts, where we first got to bond together as a class of 21 students. We made our *Year-books* there and had our little inside jokes like that "lonely tree in the middle of the mountain," or the "tipping cows with Sofia and Marielle." It was there that I saw the first glimpse of what the rest of the year is going to look like with MY fabulous classmates and the amazing ninth grade advisors.

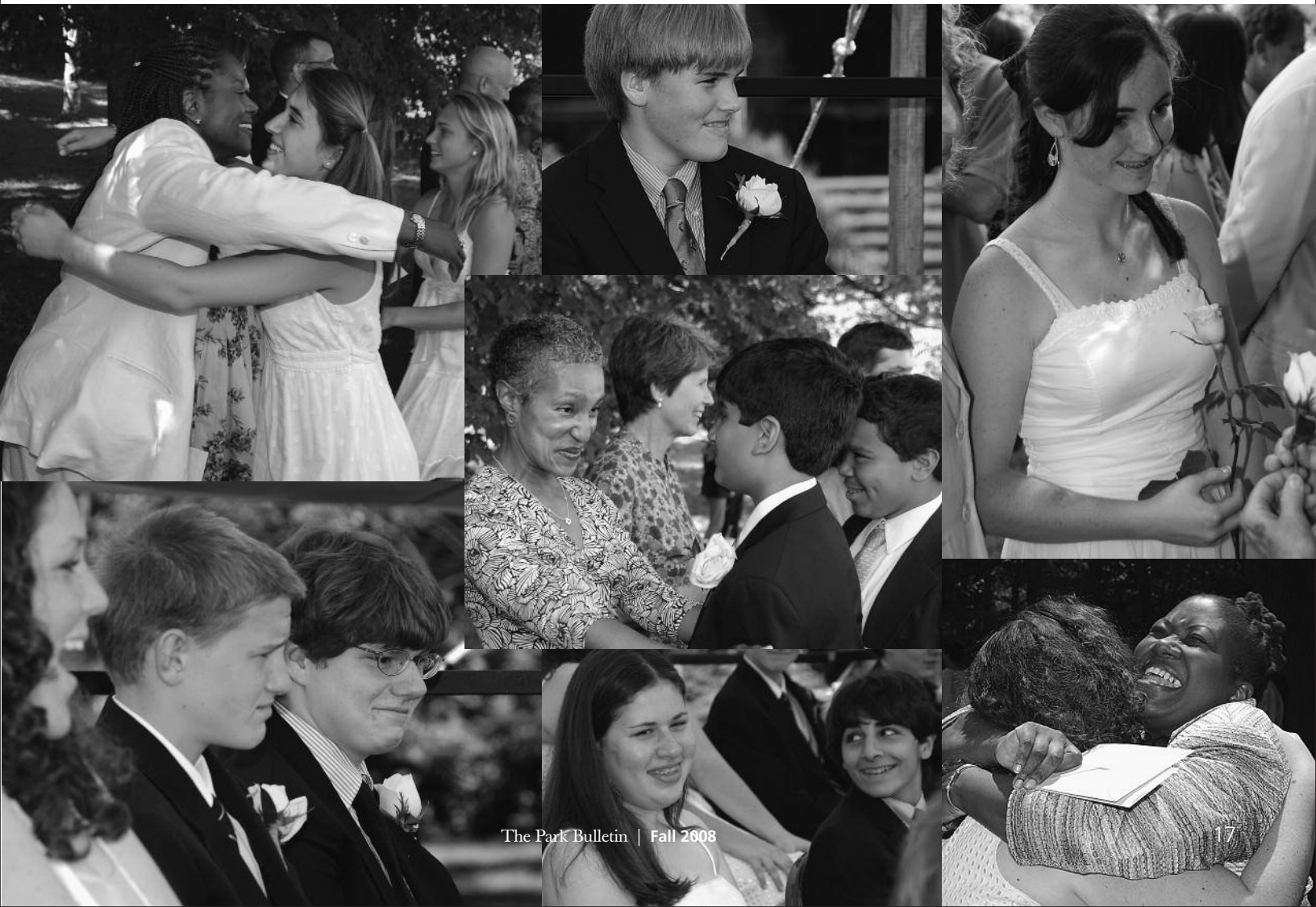
Now, Ninth Grade, I'm going to talk to you specifically. Ever since starting Ninth Grade, I've grown closer and closer to every single person in our grade, and it's so obvious how much I'm going to miss every single one of you.

Sofia, Layla, Manizeh, Anya, and Marielle: I'm going to miss all

the hilarious times we've had together and all the laughter we've shared that no one else could understand except for us. All of those giggles in class that would always get us in trouble, but we would still laugh despite the teachers getting mad at us.

Gordon, Woody, Charlie, Dustin, Luke, and Eitan: I'm going to miss your crazy selves and all of the times you've made me go into hysterical laughter. The way that Eitan would make random noises in class and call Marielle's name in such a way that it was unavoidable to laugh. It will always make me smile.

Karan, Lily, Emma, Sammi, and Brad: I'm going to miss your charisma. The way you guys were always so sweet to me. Lily, I'll always remember the time when I tried to speak Latin (which I failed) and how you just rolled on



the floor with laughter.

Emily, Izzy, Kendall, and Natalee: you girls are incredible. I'm going to miss those amazing conversations about life, friends, and The Park School in general, and how Natalee and I would always discuss that we're twins because we have so much in common. I guess we can use our telepathic powers to see what we are up to five years from now.

Now, onto the faculty and administration.

I want to recognize these four incredible women: Ms. Zifcak, Ms. Nambiar, Ms. Holland Greene, and Ms. Moberg, who are all leaving this year as well. You've made my experience at Park so magnificent—each contributing her time to always be there when needed. Lastly, my advisor, Mr. Rivera. I never knew how incredibly hilarious you were until I

went with you, Sofia, Kendall, Emily, Sammy, and Gordon to France. I'm so grateful for all of the great advice you've given us in French, all the support, help, and all of the compliments. You don't know how much I appreciate it all! Thank you so much for everything.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS FOR THE CLASS OF 2008

Manizeh Afridi
Karan Bakshi
Charles Bryson
Lily Ebbott-Burg
Isabelle English
Bradford Gilligan
Samantha Kahn
Dustin Colson Leaning
Kendall MacRae
Emily Meltzer
Layla Muchnik-Benali
Any Peck
Charlie Platt
Marielle Rabins
Natalia Salcedo
Gordon Santry
Sofia Silverglass
Natalee Sohn
Emma Tiedemann
Eitan Tye
Luke Walker

Buckingham Browne & Nichols School
Beaver Country Day School
Noble and Greenough School
Phillips Exeter Academy
Beaver Country Day School
The Cambridge School of Weston
Buckingham Browne & Nichols School
Boston Latin School
Phillips Academy, Andover
Beaver Country Day School
Commonwealth School
The Cambridge School of Weston
Chapel Hill-Chauncy Hall School
Gann Academy
Boston Trinity Academy
Westminster School
Milton Academy
Phillips Academy, Andover
Chapel Hill - Chauncy Hall School
Concord Academy
Boston Trinity Academy



The Joan Crocker Award for Community Service Cathy Boskey



EACH YEAR, the Parents' Association presents this award in honor of former Park parent Joan Crocker, who exemplified the kind of devotion and steadfast zeal this award recognizes in its recipients.

In delivering the Crocker Award this year, Parents' Association President Jennifer Pincince remarked, "Cathy may be short in stature, but long on volunteering." As co-chair of the P.A. Community Service Committee, Cathy forged relationships with many outside organizations, including the Horizon's Initiative. She also helped establish the Craft Fair and recruited numerous Springfest volunteers. Even after racking up twenty-three child years at Park as the mother of Molly '02, Peter '05 and Noah '09, Cathy will continue to be a fixture on Goddard Avenue. In the fall, she will work as the assistant in Toni Gilligan's Kindergarten class.

Alumni from the classes ending in “3” and “8” came back to Park from far and wide on the Saturday of Mother’s Day weekend. Due to the threat of inclement weather, the cocktail party was relocated to the Park School dining room, which turned out to be a nostalgic venue for the party!

Early birds were treated to a campus tour led by Grade IX students Emma Tiedemann, Marielle Rabins, and Sammi Kahn; alumni marveled about how much Park remained the same years after they’d been students themselves. At the all-reunion cocktail party, guests were treated to the Top 40 tunes of their respective graduation years while mingling with teachers and other reunion classes. Head of School Jerry Katz, Alumni Committee member Julia Lloyd Johannsen ’93, and Director of Alumni Relations Laura Moberg all spoke briefly to the assembled crowd before Reunion photos commenced. The party finally broke up when the different classes departed for further revelry at their class-specific reunion dinners.

Many thanks to the dozens of reunion volunteers who helped to make Reunion 2008 a memorable event for all who attended. We look forward to seeing the “4s” and “9s” next spring!



Class of 1973 — 35th Reunion

Dan Finn, Kathy Green Glasberg, Maggie Frank O'Connor, and Lesli Rothwell



Class of 1978 — 30th Reunion

Jen Cunningham, Connie Berman Moore, Rosa Hallowell, and Sierra Bright



Class of 1958 — 50th Reunion

Rusty Wright Reiber '58 with her husband, Dick Reiber

REUNION 2008



Class of 1983—25th Reunion

Top Row: Anne Short, Will Robb, Jennifer Nadelson Gleba, Laurie Kohn, Lynne Stuart Lamson, Rob Ball *Bottom Row:* Carl Prindle, Walter Doyle, Minor Hall, Chris Power, Elise Mott



Class of 1988—20th Reunion

Top Row: Kate Blumenreich, Eloise Lawrence, Hadley Solomon, Mike Hong
Bottom Row: Deirdre O'Keefe, Liza Cohen Gates, Kim Gulas Levin, Jessie Colby Harris





Class of 1993—15th Reunion

Top Row: Louisa Grandin Sylvia, Sasha Lam-Plattes, Joe Santos, Andrew Scott
Bottom Row: Alison Ross, Julia Lloyd Johannsen, Laura Burnes, Clark Freifeld, Jennifer Glick Schaffer



Class of 1998—10th Reunion

Top Row: Ashley White-Stern, Jonathan Tucker, Alex Aronson, Lydia Potter, Matt Krouner, Charlie Weinograd, Adam Cohen, Karen Blumenthal, Joval Webbe
Bottom Row: Meg Lloyd, Laura Delgado, Sam Taylor, Caitlin Connolly, Andrew Smith, Eliza Drachman-Jones, Daphne Johnson

The Park School Class of 1983

Twenty-Fifth Reunion Biographies

Martina Albright

I have often glanced through the 25th year bios in the Park Bulletin and marveled at how “old” all those Park students had become, and here I am writing my own. I left Park and attended Milton Academy and Harvard College. Having received a solid education, but within a small triangle from Brookline to Milton to Cambridge, I needed to gain some perspective and figure out what I wanted to do with my life so... I decided to make a “subtle” geographic move to a remote town in Northern Thailand to work with a Thai organization on AIDS education issues. Hardly a subtle move, but just what I had been craving. This was all before email hit the scene, which made the time often lonely, isolating, and ironically as a result, ultimately tremendously rewarding.

It was in Thailand, often unable to understand the conversations around me and frequently traveling alone, that I became intrigued by the commonalities of human behavior. This launched my interest in developmental psychology and my pursuit of a PhD in clinical child psychology at N.Y.U. After studying in New York, I finished my training at Massachusetts General Hospital, bringing me and my husband, Jon, back to Boston. Jon and I met our freshman year in college and have been married since 1995.

Today I have come full circle and live in Brookline near to where I grew up. We have three children ages eight, six, and 20 months. The older two attend Park. While almost all our old teachers are gone there are still some familiar faces, most notably Mrs. Betsy Ball, always at the front desk, and to whom my 3rd grade daughter feels a special attachment. I smile gratefully to see her hug Mrs. Ball in the mornings, knowing that she is feeling many of the positive effects of what Park School offered me. All of you left strong impressions on me, and I am amazed at how I can identify a fellow Park classmate by the sound of a voice or a glance at him or her from behind—often someone whom I may not have seen for years. I attribute this acute familiarity to the very formative years spent at Park and the excellent

care and education received when I was there. I am looking forward to seeing many of you again.

Rob Ball

After nine great years at Park, I joined several other Park classmates at Milton Academy and then headed to Princeton, where I majored in the Woodrow Wilson School of Public & International Affairs. I spent two years working in New York for J.P. Morgan before returning to Boston for business school at HBS. As a true New Englander I knew I wanted to stay in Boston, so following business school I joined management consulting firm McKinsey & Company's Boston office, where I served financial institution clients and briefly worked with Park classmate Carl Prindle. While at McKinsey I was also able to do *pro bono* consulting for several local nonprofits, including the Massachusetts Audubon Society, where I am still actively involved. I left the travel of consulting in 2004 and joined Wellington Management Company, an investment management firm in downtown Boston, where I currently work. I live

in the Back Bay and enjoy walking to work most days. When not at work, I try to make the most of the outdoors, skiing frequently in the winter and sailing and kayaking in the summer. I have many friends with children at Park and enjoy hearing them talk about the great educational experience Park continues to provide.

Jonathan Chaloff

After college at the University of Chicago, a haircut, and a couple years working in research at Mass General, I moved to Italy in 1994 with the intention of doing nothing for as long as possible. I was able to loaf for almost two years, before penury and inexplicable motivation, as well as chance, drew me into social policy research and consulting. I feel I have since brought a special blend of mediocrity and enthusiasm to my work. For seven years I was ruthlessly and inefficiently exploited by an Italian think tank, Censis, which trained me to follow the weathervane of changing coalitions and imperial office politics. In 2005, I moved to a smaller research center, CeSPI. I work on immigration policy issues, looking at dysfunctional institutional management as well as the impact on home countries, which has led me to brutish places like Albania and depopulated corners of Ukraine, as well as endless three-star hotels and poorly-attended publicly-funded pot-banging workshops around Europe's most and least beautiful cities. This gets tiring and can give one fleas and even the piles. In 2006, I spent a month (rather delirious) in a 1920s tuberculosis ward, a sort of Latin Magic Mountain where patients hung their laundry on the rusting balcony. Afterwards, I leapt at the invitation to move to Paris and work on labor migration issues at the OECD. My Roman wife, Giovanna, a greenmarket regular, wants to go back to her sunny seven hills (ours is the Esquiline, albeit the back slope) but our daughter Yamima seems to like Paris fine, gnawing baguettes, and as long as no one wipes her nose, she's



Rob Ball



Laura Knapp Davidson lived in Australia before moving back to the Boston area with her family.



happy anywhere. She's 14 months old and snotty in the mucus rather than Parisian sense, tho' the latter is in the offing, I fear.

I'd also like to add that our classmate, Willy Yates, left this world on September 10, 2002, and that his departure, while sadly no surprise, is a real loss for those friends who loved him through the difficult years. A pure-hearted boy capable of intense love, he is as half-present now in my life as he was half-absent before.

John Clafin

I left Park School in the dead of night after eighth grade and went on to Phillips Academy, Andover, and then to Harvard. After graduating with a degree in film studies, I moved to Los Angeles to pursue—surprise!—a film career. For my first five years, I worked as a feature film development executive for producers at Universal Studios and Warner Brothers—where I oversaw the creative development of several films, including *Quiz Show*, *The Paper*, and *Passenger 57*. I then became director of development for producer Albert “Cubby” Broccoli where I worked on the development of several James Bond films, including *Goldeneye*, and lived in London during the production of that film.

After leaving the Bond producers, I turned to screenwriting and sold my first original screenplay, *The Longest Night*, to 20th Century Fox—which, like many Hollywood projects, is gathering dust on a shelf. Since then, I have been slowly clawing my

way to the middle of the Hollywood food chain, selling screenplays to New Line, Warner Brothers, and USA Network. I did the production rewrite for *Anacondas*, and most recently my original screenplay *Fool's Gold* was released earlier this year, starring Matthew McConaughey and Kate Hudson. I am currently rewriting a script for a small thriller called *Run For Her Life*, which is set to start shooting in a few weeks.

To round out the cliché of the Hollywood screenwriter, I live in the Hollywood Hills and am married to Camille Natta, who—in addition to being a very talented actress—is a wonderful woman and the greatest addition to my life.

Laura Knapp Davidson

Despite a very short time at Park, I have remarkably vivid memories of my Kindergarten year there. I remember the first day of school, clinging to my mother's coat and resisting all of Miss Arends' (now Mrs. Eckel) efforts to entice me into the classroom. It was only when she pointed out Laura Church, sitting happily at a table coloring, that I decided I'd like to sit with that little girl and do what she was doing. I walked in, and I never looked back! I remember lying next to Hillary Gooch during rest time and pretending to be asleep. I remember playing outside on a climbing structure and confiding in Diana Gardner that my favorite number was 16, a fact that felt very significant at the time. I remember Miss Arends telling us how she had been so sleepy one morning that she mistakenly brushed her teeth with shampoo. I

remember feeling both excited and embarrassed when Peter Wilde and I, wearing tights and elf caps, were pulled around the gymnasium on a faux log for the Yule Festival. And finally, I remember sitting in a circle with my classmates when Miss Arends explained that I would be moving away. To this day, I can remember wishing I was going on to first grade, as it sounded like so much fun.

After Park, I moved to Luxembourg, England, and France and attended six different schools before finally graduating from Groton. I went to Yale as an undergrad and Columbia as a graduate in journalism, and I had some crazy but wonderful years in New York City working at ABC's *PrimeTime Live* and NBC's *Nightly News*. I married an Aussie and ultimately put my career on hold to raise our three children. We settled back in the area in 2001, and I have since been lucky enough to get to know some old Park friends all over again.

David Doran

I am living on Martha's Vineyard where I have been for about 17 years, except for a year and a half off when my family and I lived in Naples, Florida. I am the happy husband of Tricia, whom I have been married to for six years, and the proud father of Meghan (4), and Robert (1). Both are great kids, and, I am told by their grandparents that they both have the same energy as I did when I was there age! I have been doing custom building here for about 15 years and have learned quite a lot about the industry and continue to learn every day.

I look forward to catching up with my classmates, many of whom I have not seen for 25 years. Hopefully I'll be able to remember all of your names, as I have hit 40 and things are becoming a little harder to remember. Please don't hold it against me if I don't! I'm looking forward to all the festivities and introducing my wife to all of my old elementary school friends and catching up with old friends!

Walt Doyle

After 20 years in different cities around the world (Hong Kong, New York, San Francisco), I find myself not only back in Boston, but living on Beacon Hill just a few blocks away from where I grew up. Things are a little different now though: I have a wife (Lee) and two children, India Lee (6) and Wyatt (4), and I have a lot less hair! Outside of family life, I'm building a little media company in town (www.where.com)—it's my fourth start-up—I think I'm hooked on this early-stage stuff!

I had the opportunity to tour Park a couple months ago—despite a few bad flashbacks about “The Bench—it was a wonderful experience and brought back lots of memories. I've been fortunate to keep up with some old classmates like Matt and have bumped into quite a few Park folks since I've been back, like Martina, Rob Ball, Stephens Dunne, Will Robb, Josh Gordon, and several others. It's always fun to share life stories with everyone and see what people are doing. We seemed to harvest quite an interesting and diverse class of career paths - from making movies (John Claffin) to growing veggies (Joshua Gordon)—what a range! I'm looking forward to hearing everyone's stories at the reunion.

Juliet Siler Eastland

Oh, boy... the summary! I attended college for English, then studied jazz piano at Berklee. Convinced that I could shed two-plus decades of New England upbringing, I headed west to San Francisco in 1995, where I wrote tech manuals and played piano/keyboards in several bands, including my own jazz quartet. (I also enjoyed a brief stint in a rock band, which meant I got to wear silver platforms and sunglasses at night. Very fun.)

Realizing several years later that I was neither the next Oscar Peterson nor a California gal, I moved back to the east coast where I belonged, and worked with homeless/mentally ill adults for several years in N.Y.C. Most wonderfully, I met the man of my dreams in New York. In a bid for more greenery and less noise, we moved back to my hometown of Brookline last year, where we are raising our lovely three-year-old daughter, Ivy. I'm now a mom and part-time writer, for, among others, Planned Parenthood, leftie pubs, anthologies, and websites. Chronic parental exhaustion aside, I feel abundantly blessed with family and friends.



David Doran's children Meghan (4), and Robert (1)



Lisa Livens Freeman

Most immediately, my husband, Kevin Freeman, and I received a visit from the baby stork on Wednesday, April 9, 2008, five weeks earlier than expected. So much for the plan to attend this reunion with full gusto as a final celebration before entering “baby bootcamp.” Little William John (whom we're calling Will) had other ideas! Despite the sleep deprivation and chaotic nature of all of this, we're doing well and taking it all in stride. My sincere hope is to be able to enjoy some, if not all, of the reunion perhaps with little Will in tow. I am eager to re-connect with my Park friends!

Welcoming our baby follows marrying Kevin one year ago in Chatham. (Things have been happening fast over the past few years!) The Cape and the Islands are special for Kevin and me, both separately and as a couple. As a pilot for Coast Guard, Kevin was stationed at Otis Air Force Base, and I spent many summers on Martha's Vineyard as part of a group house. It meant so much that my two oldest Park friends, Sarah Caner Gaylord and Elise Mott, who had weathered the ups-and-downs of my personal life, were side-by-side with me on our wedding day in Chatham.

Kevin and I moved to Cambridge last July and love our new home. Previously, I had lived in Back Bay for 12 years, then spent a year in Charlestown before “crossing the river.” We feel fortunate that our neighborhood is family-friendly. Given that I'll be on maternity leave for the next year, I'm relieved to have so much easy access to the city.

School and work-wise, I attended Choate Rosemary Hall then Colby College, where I lived abroad (France and England) for 14 months. Following college graduation, I returned to Boston to work for a social science research firm in Cambridge, which, following additional jobs, landed me in marketing/sales at a dot-com from 1999-2001. Despite the excitement of being involved in a new business, I felt unfulfilled and decided to engage in more “heart-driven” work. Park's emphasis on service had rooted deeply! To that end, I returned to graduate school for a master's in social work to specialize in adolescent mental health. It's been a wonderful change and feels like the work I'm meant to be doing. Currently (until Will arrived), I've worked as the adjustment counselor (crisis counselor) at Westborough High School in Westborough. The work has fueled my spirit, and although taking the year off to be with Will is a gift, I already miss working with the students!

When I reflect upon my experience at Park, I am grateful for receiving the foundation of strong values, a love of learning, an adventuresome/inquisitive spirit, and reinforcement of the importance of a firm handshake. At a time when my family was experiencing great difficulties, Park provided a nurturing environment that was invaluable. Overall, my years at Park were incredibly special.

Memories:

“You're ON THE LIST”: Mr. Bourne's infamous attempt to cool-off our rowdy 8th grade class with mandatory down on hands-and-knees “lint picking” during the final 10 minutes of school every afternoon.... Project R.E.A.S.O.N.: lost on Mount

Kevin and Lisa Livens Freeman welcomed baby Will in April.



Monadnock.... The class trip (9th grade?) to David Doran's beautiful home on Martha's Vineyard. My lifelong love of the Vineyard started then!... Sting's "Every Breath You Take," which we played at Morning Meeting as our class song. I think it was Jennifer Simmons's suggestion, and I still think of Morning Meeting when I hear that song.... Mme Fertig and M. Planchon's classes: "Voila Monsieur Thiebaut.".... The dummy class: two years of math overshadowed by constant chit-chat and flirting. My SAT and GRE scores reflected too much of the latter!...Mr. Gambone's passion for opera and our trip to see "Aida."... Troublemaking: recess behind the curtains in the theater... Young love: "getting married" at recess (my first husband: Minor Hall).... The shuttle and T: Beacon Hill to Brookline and endless antagonizing by "The Boys".... A firm handshake.... "Happy Birthday November, November" Mr. and Mrs. Hurlbut hosting the monthly party.

Joshua Benedict Gordon

One draft horse, several dairy goats, two dogs, a cat, flocks of chickens and egg-laying ducks and a couple million honeybees make up our small family farm. We abut one of the gates to the Quabbin Reservoir here in central Massachusetts, and it's about as nice a setup as you can imagine. The area around the farm is forested and the land has conservation restrictions aimed at protecting the water quality and habitat for fish and game. The dirt roads match the stonewalls built by colonials and their oxen. The walls wind away into the trees and in the winter, when the leaves are down, you can see the walled lines of the old mow fields. I spend

my days mucking and milking and laboring much like my mother's Scots ancestors might have, until one literally walked off the old family farm in Ohio a few generations ago and founded a car company. And also like my father's, though he grew up in Brooklyn, I don't doubt somewhere back we had goat herders in the clan from Judea.

Of course we wouldn't be a Yankee farm without an inventive tool shop, and the current hot projects include a hydro power plant and a human-powered vehicle in the form of a hybrid human electric tadpole trike. There's a chance I'll complete a website for Quabbin Gate Farm to show these inventions and maybe sell some jugs of maple syrup, too. Most special to me, as with many classmates, is my role as a father. It's hard work but a joy to get out in the dirt with your kid and garden. I tell my daughter she's tough. She tells me her mother says she's tender. I think we'll find a resolution.

Katie Sullivan Gryska

I am writing this on my Blackberry at my husband's graduation at Northeastern, where he is receiving his MBA. I am with my parents, Ann and Jack Sullivan and my seven-year-old son Jay and my five-year old daughter Margaux, who is exclusively known as "Go-go!" We now live in Wellesley and are enjoying all that the community offers. I remain very friendly with a number of the Park family. Two of my dearest friends are Susan Emerson Gordon and Joan Amick Kelly. I am working part-time as a tennis pro and jewelry designer. I am hoping to go back to work full-time in my before-kids role as a high school Spanish

teacher! I am looking forward to seeing the gang at the reunion.

Minor Hall

Minor Hall is living in the Boston suburbs, working in the tech world, and riding snow whenever possible. Looking forward to the 10th. Cheers, (from delayed flights at Logan) (signed) GoSign-TheBook@ferrishall.com

Joan Amick Kelly

When I return to Park School on May 10th for our twenty-fifth reunion, it will probably be at least the twelfth time I've been back to 171 Goddard Avenue—that week! In fact, my life as I approach my fifth decade is very similar to that of my first and the beginning of my second. I still go to Park each weekday of the school year; I wave to Ms. Knight, Madame Aldins, and Mr. and Mrs. Smith in the corridors; and I worry about fitting homework time into busy afternoons. Now though, I am the one driving the car, I try to greet the teachers using their first names, and I worry about my daughter's, not my own, homework. Twenty-five years after we all left Park School, it is really nice to be back.

Of course, I took advantage of the years I was away from the Boston area and Park School to see a bit more of the world than Larz Anderson Park (another childhood haunt often re-visited these days) as we passed by en route to and from school. After Park, I went to St. Paul's in Concord, N.H., then to Yale, where I majored in American studies and played on the women's ice

hockey team for four years. Washington, D.C.—the logical next stop for any American studies major—was next. I worked as an editor at the National Museum of American History and a writer at the White House briefly before I became the editor at the Smithsonian's National Museum of African Art. While in Washington, I also took part in a co-ed adult ice hockey league and became the teammate of the left winger who would become my husband, Steve.

After seven years in D.C., we moved north again to Hanover, N.H., where Steve attended business school and I continued to work as an editor for museum publications at the Hood Museum of Art at Dartmouth. MBA in Steve's hand, we then moved to northern New Jersey: Steve commuted to Lower Manhattan, and I stayed home to take care of our new daughter, Kate, born in May 2000. The next half-dozen years flew by in a blur of diapers (we added Will to our family in August 2003), play dates, and music classes.

We were dangerously close to settling for good into our life in New Jersey, but the simultaneous lure of Park School for the kids, the opportunity for business expansion for Steve, and a return home for me proved to be too great a temptation to resist. During the summer of 2006, we put our house on the market, packed up our clothes, and moved back home, literally, to my parents' house—luckily for them, only until the renovations on our own home were finished, even though it was tempting to stay on (the walk to school and the 24/7 babysitting were quite nice...). We moved into our new house just before Thanksgiving. Steve set up his new office downtown, the kids settled into their new schools (Kate at Park and Will at Apple Orchard), and I began the routine of driving the kids to school, going to the gym, and fitting as much time to work as I can into days already filled with the business of our family life.

So, here I am, back at the school that has been a part of the Amick family longer than I have been a part of that family. When I think about the things I learned at Park that have proven important throughout my life—how to shake hands firmly and to look people directly in the eye; how to diagram sentences; how to find the rewards of playing on a sports team beyond the checks in the wins column, among many, many others—I am thankful that our children will take from Park the lessons that will send them on their own ways and that Park will continue to be a part of my family now that it has a new name.

Laurie Kohn

How could 25 years have passed since Park School? Every time I'm in Boston and drive by, I have the most vivid memories of four square at recess, the 12-minute run, and Morning Meeting. After Park, I went to Milton, and from there to Harvard. At Harvard, I was cast in the play,



Laurie Kohn, her husband, Chris Murphy, and their youngest son, Caleb Kohn Murphy

Children of a Lesser God, which oddly enough led me to where I sit now as a professor at Georgetown Law School. An interest in disability rights brought me to Washington, D.C. after college to work on the Americans with Disabilities Act in Senator Kennedy's office. When the law passed, I moved with the statute to the Civil Rights Division at the Justice Department, where I realized that the lawyers were doing all the interesting work. So, I came to Georgetown for law school where my interests broadened into women's rights work and domestic violence law. After a couple of years in a law firm, I came back to Georgetown where I have been a professor and the co-director of the Domestic Violence Clinic for ten years. In this position, I get to litigate, mentor young law students, teach litigation and law, and write articles (which are read by only my immediate family—if even by them!) A few years ago, I married one of my best friends, and we have two boys (one and four) who are full of life and keep life interesting.

Lynne Stuart Lamson

After Park, I went to Groton School and then to Princeton University. Following graduation, I went on an incredible trip; traveling for seven months throughout New Zealand, Australia, and Southeast Asia. Upon returning home, I decided to become a teacher. I had the wonderful opportunity to teach at the Apple Orchard School for a year and then returned to Park to do an internship where I focused on Grades V-IX. It was interesting to see Park from a different perspective after so many years there as a student. I valued my time there as an intern—once again, learning from the amazing faculty, many of whom had taught me as a student. After that year, I went on to teach fourth grade at The Fessenden School.

While I was there, I met my husband, Pete, through mutual friends, and we were married a year later. I stopped teaching when our first child, Alexandra (10), was born and then pursued a master's degree in education from Harvard. We had two more children, Jonathan (9) and Sarah (6), and I am currently an at-home mom, keeping very busy with our children and all their various activities—lots of soccer, baseball, and lacrosse. We live in Sherborn, where we have found a wonderful community of friends. I see Martina Albright regularly, and it's terrific seeing our kids having so much fun together. I'm looking forward to catching up with everyone at reunion!

Susan Thomas Macleod

I've always considered myself a very creative person, except when it comes to writing my autobiography! Alas, here goes: After Park, I graduated from Tabor Academy and then Tulane University. I went on to get a BFA in graphic design from the Academy of Art in San Francisco and kept moving farther west, which landed me in the far East. I spent six years working as a graphic designer in Hong Kong, where fellow alum Walt Doyle was one of my "flatmates" for a while. In 1999, I married Morris Macleod and we moved back to the States, settling in New York. We renovated a Brooklyn brownstone where we live with our two kids, Melanie and William, five and three, respectively. Along with my responsibilities of motherhood, I continue to work as a graphic designer. For eight years I have been on staff at Workman Publishing in Greenwich Village, designing children's books and wall calendars. I'm having a lot of fun and enjoying life, hoping the same for my fellow classmates.

Elise Mott

I can't believe it's been twenty-five years since we graduated! I have such fond memories of Park and had a great time last week when my colleagues from Fenn and I went to observe classes and talk to teachers about the social studies program. I have been teaching social studies at The Fenn School since 1995. Before that, I received a master's in teaching at Smith College and then worked down in New Jersey at The Lawrenceville School. Then, in 1995, Hugh and I got married and moved to Watertown. It was good to be back in the Boston area! We have a seven-year-old daughter, Leila and a six-month old, Henry. Before having kids, we did a lot of backpacking, and skiing, but now the weekends are scheduled around soccer and kids' activities. I see Lisa Livens Freeman and Sarah Caner Gaylord often—they are still my closest friends!

Carl Prindle

It seems impossible that it's been twenty-five years since the all-school assembly where we played our class song (I'll Be Watching You. Right? In retrospect, an interesting choice...) or that many of us now have families and students of our own. To be sure, our years at Park shaped my journey from there to here. Who knew Art/Shop would play such a pivotal role? To briefly recap:

After Park and Milton, I traveled west to Stanford, with every intention of majoring in English. Four years later, I left the Bay Area with a degree in product design and future wife and fellow Stanford grad, Beth Summers. After traveling through Hong Kong, Beijing, Siberia, Moscow, Budapest and Boston, we settled in Laguna Beach, California.

In Laguna, I worked as an industrial designer, designing products for Reebok (the Pump), Ford (the '95 Ford Explorer) and Black & Decker (a Dustbuster) among others. Eventually noticing a disparity between my having nine patents but less than \$9 to my name, I enrolled in the MIT Sloan School of Management, receiving an MBA in 1995. After graduation, Beth and I moved to Boston's South End, and I joined Park classmate Rob Ball at management consulting firm McKinsey and Company.

After several enjoyable years of consulting, I joined the dot-com frenzy of the late nineties, growing Furniture.com to \$80 million in sales, and, as was the fashion at the time, spending \$100 million of venture capital funds in the process. When the markets returned to sanity, I purchased the assets of the company out of bankruptcy. Furniture.com is now the leading e-commerce software and service provider to the furniture industry.

Today, I continue at Furniture.com as CEO. Beth is manager of the John Adams Library in the Rare Books Department of the Boston Public Library.

We have a seven-year-old son, Carson, who attends the Learning Project, the Boston elementary school where—in an odd circularity—I'm chairman of the board of directors, working with the same headmaster who handed me my diploma when I was in the school's first graduating class in the late 1970s. We thoroughly enjoy raising Carson in the South End, where I've managed to maintain a small woodshop, and in my spare time, continue the furniture making I began long ago in the basement of Goddard Ave. Beth and I look forward to seeing you.

Alexandra (Robin) Boardman Reynolds

It is hard to believe that I graduated from Park 25 years ago. Now I have children of my own in an elementary school. It definitely brings the memories back.

Let's see... after leaving Park I went to the Pomfret School in Connecticut, also at Pomfret was my Park friend and Chestnut Hill neighbor Laura Church. I loved the independence of being at Pomfret, and I made some wonderful friends. I left Pomfret in search of another small school and spent my college years at Roanoke College in Virginia. After four years in the South I left with my diploma and took the summer off to travel around Europe with a close friend. I moved to New York City in the fall of '91 and found a job and apartment. Initially I worked in retail until I got a job working at the Condé Nast Publications. I was a photo editor at Bride's Magazine when I met my husband. My old friend from Park, Laura Church, introduced me to a St. Lawrence friend, John Reynolds, whom I married in 1994. We were married in the Adirondacks and lived together in New York City.

After the birth of our first child we moved to a small waterfront town in Connecticut called Rowayton. We now have three beautiful children: Olivia (9), Jake (7) and Anna (4). They are without a doubt the light of my life and are constantly amazing and impressing me. I am busy being a mother and trying to be active in our community. Last fall I ran in my first marathon in New York City. It was an incredible experience.

Allegra Growdon Richdale

I loved my years at Park, and they remain the foundation of lifelong interests and friends. At Milton Academy, and then at Yale, I fanned the flame sparked on the Park stage. Remember our class foray into Gilbert & Sullivan, *The Mikado*? I just couldn't let go of Peep-Bo. So, with a BA in English in hand and, well, filled to the brim with girl-ish glee, I went pro and launched an acting career which took me from regional theater to off-off Broadway, and then, finally, to Los Angeles. After ten years acting on the stage and small screen, I switched gears to satisfy another yearning—the law—that may well have started during Mr. Hurlbut's lectures on the Constitution. Incidentally, I

have found those acting skills come in handy now as a civil litigator! And, though I never won a golden statuette when I was actually trying to, I lucked into a couple when, during law school, I met and married Jace, an Emmy-winning television writer and producer. We live in Los Angeles and have a 19-month old daughter, Tessa, who is the light of our lives, and I continue to practice law part-time.

Annie Short

After Park, I attended BB&N, then Carnegie Mellon University. I have always enjoyed working in arts/education community outreach/fundraising, most recognizably with the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. Now, I am back in Brookline with husband, Andy, and two children, ages 7 (Aidan) and 4 (Basie). Best wishes to Park alums!

Diana Gardner Vogel

I spent more years at Park (11) than at the rest of my academic institutions combined. I wouldn't have it any other way. I still remember so much, including: Morning Meetings; those yellow, rectangular cushions at the library; reading to the Lower School classes; Isabelle Fertig & Madame Thibault; Ruth Williams, Bonnie Emmons, Dean Conway & Steve Roderick; bombardment in the big gym and gymnastics in the little gym; Allegra & Jon C. in *The Mikado*; Mr. Larry; the May Pole Dance; riding the shuttle; field hockey & lacrosse games against Shore Country Day; snowball fights; games of 4-square; picnics outside; raising the flag; and of course Mrs. Hurlbut singing "Happy Birthday"....year after year.

More than anything I am indebted to Park for exposing me to such a variety of exceptional people—classmates and teachers alike. I still consider Allegra and Lynnie to be some of my nearest and dearest.

I currently live in L.A. with my husband, Ralph, and our three children: Josie (5 1/2), Ralphie (3 1/2) & Gus (1). Although I still consider myself to be a true "New Englander," I have gotten used to the nice weather and outdoor existence (translation—I am now a wimp about bad weather). I am sorry to miss the reunion but am sending my best wishes to all.



Park Alumni in Politics

Vanessa Kerry '92

Alex Aronson '98

Grahame Wells '78

Judy Chapman '56

Duncan Chapman '53

Danny Freifeld '94

John Tayer '79

Jim Newell '58

Britt Hall '66

Colman Chamberlain '96

Bonnie Bonnet Akins '56

Bob Parks '74

Kenzie Bok '02

Vanessa Kerry '92

On the National Campaign Trail

John Kerry Presidential Bid, 2004

Raised in Boston, Vanessa attended Park through Grade IX, followed by Phillips Academy, Andover, and Yale. At Harvard Medical School, in addition to medicine, she became interested in international health and the economics of health care. She pursued a joint master's in health policy and economics from the London Schools of Economics and of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. For two years, she campaigned for her father in his bid for the White House and has stayed involved in politics, working on Senator Jon Tester's (D Montana) election campaign in 2006, and serving as a board member of the Young Democrats of America. She is currently completing her residency in internal medicine.



crumpled beside me. It was something my parents fought to keep separate from the day-to-day lives of my sister and me, and yet inevitably subtle indications infiltrated my awareness. I noted assumptions made about my family and me, or people always seemed to know my last name but not my first. Mostly, though, it was a distant world, one that I observed only through the TV.

Though my father was elected to the United States Senate when I was seven years old, politics initially bore only a minor influence in my life. I often considered its impact akin to that of a distant relative, distinct from the formative impression of a parent, and more like a crazy cousin that swings into town, entertains for a day and then leaves again. Politics punctuates childhood memories, such as falling asleep in a bathtub at the Copley Plaza Hotel on election night with my second grade homework

This changed radically in 2003. My father announced he would run for President, and in the naive notion that life would continue as before, I fully believed I would be able to continue with medical school and my expected trajectory as I knew it. But as the months of medical school slid by in 2003 and the election became more and more prominent, so it did in our household and my own life. I found myself reading newspapers and blogs intensely, listening in on campaign meetings, and slowly cultivating the realization that whether I chose to participate or not, an incredible, rare

experience was unfolding before me. I signed up, put medical school on hold, and hit the trail.

The trail proved to be a blur of skies, highways, railroads, sidewalks, bars, lodges, schools, colleges, hotels, motels, people's backyards, minivan interiors, buses, and five cities in one day. I discovered the nutritional benefits of beef jerky and cheese sticks on long road trips. I watched the Superbowl through static in a tiny bar off the highway somewhere between Roswell and Albuquerque, New Mex-

ing out that anyone willing to stand out in 104-degree heat on black tarmac to protest our candidate's arrival probably felt so strongly that we were unlikely to change any views. What he didn't say was that I had been standing in that same heat on that same tarmac, arguing right back.

The experience of the campaign was both political and emotional, and I found it both invigorating and strangely a burden. Justified or not, I felt deeply responsible for the outcome on November 2. It made me work

fully represented to the American public. I never was able to understand how the perceptions lingered. I came away with an impressive respect for the power of branding and the media that has left me with a sour taste in my mouth for high-stakes politics.

The nature of modern politics aside, I am far from disillusioned. Looking back on the process, I am stunned at how fortunate I was to see the process so intimately. It was a gift beyond proportion and one for which I am grateful. My desire for certain policies or

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ico. I learned to discern the subtle differences in McDonald's coffee at each location the way many people learn to appreciate wine. I also discovered that life was changing. My own anonymity slipped away and the comfortable distance I kept from the political world had dissolved. A favorite moment came mid-campaign as I was moving myself from one apartment to another. Wearing sweats, and dragging a bureau down the ramp of my U-Haul, I was stopped by a man who asked me if I knew whom I resembled. To my uncertainty, he proclaimed, "You look just like the daughter of John Kerry. It's uncanny... but don't worry, you are much more attractive." Thanks.

The fastfood stops and many airports only framed what proved to be an incredible unfolding of the country with each campaign stop. With each location, I met the people who make up this country and encountered their intense belief of how November would change the world... by keeping a leader, or by electing a new one. The tenacity with which Americans felt their deep political beliefs—either concomitant with ours, or inversely those of our opponent's—was inspiring. In truth, I felt as strongly. With the same determination with which I tackled geometry at Park I would engage in debate with supporters of President Bush. I spent a good 20 minutes on an airport runway in Baker, California, arguing with one gentleman the pros and cons of rolling back tax cuts for those earning more than \$200,000. My stepbrother finally retrieved me, point-

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The 4th of July 2004 found Vanessa, her sister Alex (Park School Class of 1988), and their dad in Sioux City, Iowa at a rally in the pouring rain.

Alex Aronson '98

Oregon Bus Project, Director of Civic Engagement

Portland, Oregon

Alex attended Park for nine years before graduating with the Class of 1998. He moved on to Concord Academy, where he kept his Park roots by singing in Ms. Allen's CA gospel choir. As an undergraduate he concentrated in Civil War and Reconstruction history, graduating *magna cum laude* in 2005 from the University of Pennsylvania and winning the University's prize for an outstanding honors history thesis. Alex lives in Portland, Oregon, where he works as director of civic engagement at the Oregon Bus Project, a state-based nonprofit advocacy and political action group built on the principle "Not left, not right, but forward."



Each year at Park, beginning in fourth grade or so, I found myself in a bit of a pickle: should I run for Student Council or Helping Hand? Helping Hand or Student Council?

Did I want to be planting vegetables with the Food Project for Boston's under-privileged, or lobbying in the tough-nosed halls of student council, waging the perennial uphill battle for a school soda machine? These were tough decisions for little, freckled, ten-year-old Alex.

Ultimately, my Park- and parent-taught values of social equity and service led me toward Helping Hand. That the cute girl whom I had a crush on was *also* running for our grade's other Helping Hand spot played no role in my decision. None. Really. None whatsoever.

In the decade since I graduated from Park, my "student council vs. community service" dilemma is one that has surely been drawn out by hundreds of aspiring, civically-minded Park students—and indeed, by thousands of young people across the country.

Over the past ten years, rates of youth volunteerism have risen to new highs. A recent study showed a 12 percent increase in youth volunteerism

teer for something *political*. They'll clean a beach, but they won't volunteer for a candidate who will make sure that beach is kept clean.

Shortly after my move to Oregon, I got involved with a local volunteer-driven nonprofit called the Oregon Bus Project. The Bus Project is an innovative vehicle for hands-on democracy. We drive leaders, we drive votes, and we drive change. (And yes, we have a Bus.) We're not mass transit. But we're into that sort of thing.

Founded in 2002, the Bus was built on the idea that young people should play a more active role in our democracy, and that this engagement should begin at the local level. Young people shouldn't *just* vote, our thinking goes; we should serve on nonprofit boards and neighborhood associations; we should volunteer for good candidates and lobby our legislators; we should run for office...and win.

So, a group of friends bought a Bus—a 1978 MCI Crusader. They loaded it up with other young volunteers and drove to legislative swing districts across Oregon, knocking on doors for progressive candidates in close elections. The Bus Project supported ten candidates that year. Nine of them won. One of those candidates,

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compared to a decade ago.¹ By many measures, we are succeeding at raising a generation of young people who are more actively community-minded than any generation before them.

Most of them are doing what I did: seeking out community service opportunities in lieu of student councils or political volunteerism. While 40 percent of American young people volunteer for *something* over the course of a year, only two or three percent volun-

teer for something *political*. They'll clean a beach, but they won't volunteer for a candidate who will make sure that beach is kept clean.

Four years and 200,000 door-knocks later, the Bus helped secure a one vote progressive majority in the Oregon legislature for the first time in sixteen years. The next year, our new legislature used its slim majority to



pass a sweeping set of public interest bills: ambitious renewable energy standards, non-discrimination and domestic partnerships for same-sex couples, a referral to uphold Oregon's threatened land-use policies, a rainy-day fund shielding public education and health-care from recession, a Bus-sponsored bill to allow 17-year-old voter registration, a crackdown on predatory payday lending. The list goes on.

It was Jeff Barker's tie-breaking vote that made this sort of progress possible. So in a sense, by knocking on doors near the Central Oregon Mountains we helped clean the beach. In doing so, we've also created what one author recently called "the national model for how local youth politics is done."² The Bus Project now convenes a federation of state-based groups

implementing this model across the country. We've been profiled in six books, and this fall our signature "Trick-or-Vote" Halloween-costumed canvass will take place in 25 cities nationwide, knocking on over 100,000 doors to get out the youth vote.

Returning to Park this past May for my Tenth Reunion (whoa!), I was pleasantly unsurprised to learn what the rest of my classmates were up to. While the majority of America's most talented and well-educated young people eschew public interest careers, members of my Park class are building wind farms in Texas for an oil-free future and pursuing careers in civil rights law. Some are organizing on presidential campaigns, and others are learning to build cities to handle the coming era of unprecedented popula-

tion growth. These are people thinking about the world in broad, critical terms, and leveraging their skills to create a positive difference in it.

Still though, I saw no Park soda machine. A travesty. *More* sugar in school, I say!

So what to do about it? Run for student council. Get on the Bus. Exact change. ★ ★ ★

Learn more about the Bus Project at www.busproject.org

¹ CIRCLE, Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement)

² Michael Connery, *Youth to Power: How Today's Young Voters are Building a Progressive Majority*

Grahame Wells '78

Campaign Staff Member

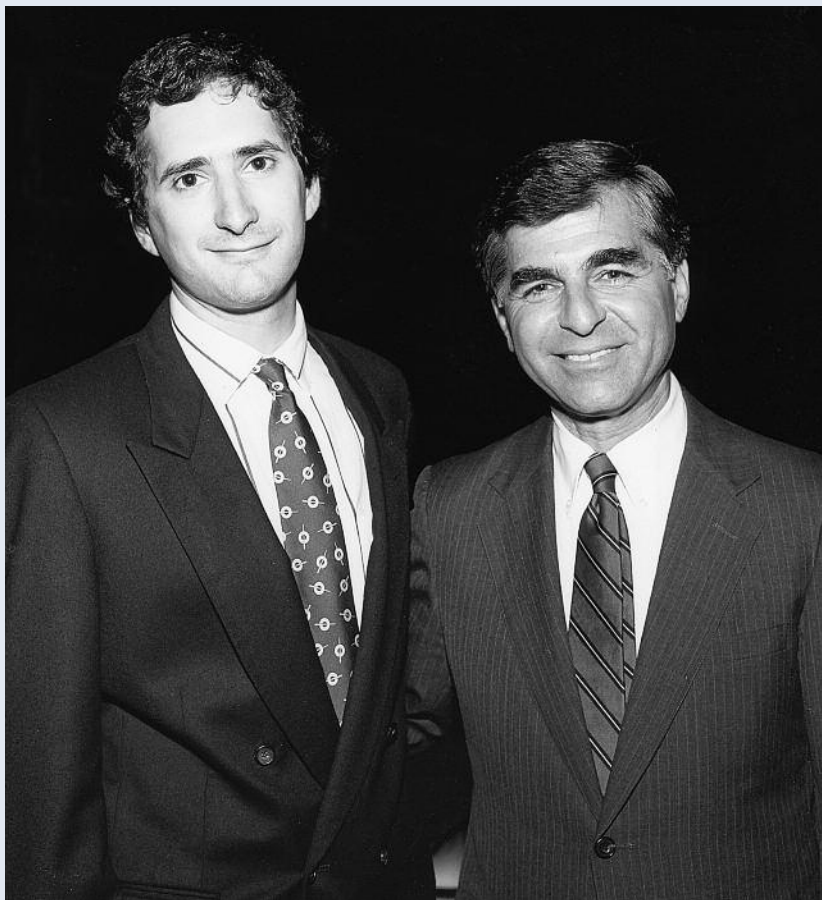
Mike Dukakis Presidential Bid, 1988

An attorney with Liberty Mutual, Grahame lives in Needham with his wife Karen, and two sons, Dawson (9) and Colin (6). After Park, he attended the Milton Public Schools and received his BA from George Washington University. Following the Dukakis campaign, Grahame attended law school at B.U., graduating in 1994.



I grew up in a family that believed that government could help improve people's lives. Social programs weren't just safety nets, but they helped people work their way to becoming productive citizens. We were partisan Democrats. A Park School *Anthology* even published my fable about Watergate. We hated Nixon; we hated Reagan more. Not only had they cut programs we viewed as essential, but Reagan fully undermined the idea that government was for the people, and that if people participated and cared, it would make for a better America.

I graduated from college intending to pursue a career as a political consultant. It was just as the 1988 presidential candidates were ramping up. Michael Dukakis had been a legendary political figure in Massachusetts from the time I was ten. He was a Democrat committed to innovation, and the prag-



The 1988 presidential campaign was an exciting time, living life in the national headlines. The Governor had started as a regional personality but quickly built a national following. Our fundraising success allowed us to out-organize the other Democratic candidates before the primaries began. In the primaries we spun a third-place finish in Iowa into one of the greatest victories in American political history. We sped to victory in New Hampshire, won states in every region of the country on Super Tuesday, and charged through the late primaries. Many Tues-

pected loss in Michigan when we were supposed to have the nomination locked up).

I worked organizing fundraisers in New England. Our top fundraisers were people who had built the "new" Boston of the 1980s and led the resurgence of a state that had been written off ten years earlier. Greek business leaders, many of whom were committed Republicans, rallied their community. We raised significantly more money than our opponents, which allowed us to out-staff the Bush campaign in the key states. Fundraising

"What could be more important than helping choose the leader of the free world?"

matic belief that government could fuel a growing economy while filling in the gaps to protect those left behind. His campaign was a natural fit for me. I showed up to volunteer and ended up with a staff position raising money for the campaign and later for the Democratic National Committee.

days brought great wins. The leaders of the campaign brilliantly targeted the key states and districts where winning brought the most visibility, but also maximized our pull delegate. We had scandal (where people resigned for lying to reporters, not to federal investigators), and we had bumps (an unex-

success help us take the first stage of the primaries. Success in the early primaries then helped boost fundraising for the next contest. People in Massachusetts enthusiastically supported our candidate. In addition to fundraising, I held signs and worked the phones in some key spots like Berlin, New Hamp-

shire, and Waterbury, Connecticut.

The high point came at the Democratic National Convention. It was the week in which Anne Richards said “George Bush was born with a silver foot in his mouth,” Jesse Jackson reached *detente* with the campaign, and Governor Bill Clinton gave a speech so long that the biggest applause line began “And in closing” Michael Dukakis made his most stirring speech on the biggest stage: a soaring rendition of his vision and life story, his voice cracking when he remembered his immigrant father and mused how proud he would be of his son. We left Atlanta leading George Bush in most polls by more than 15 percent.

Of course, the high point of a campaign shouldn’t come five months before the election, and, as they say, the only poll that counts is on Election Day. The nightly news that had bolstered the campaign for the first year was now dominated by stories of our fall in the polls. The public never really heard Dukakis’s message of opportunity with compassion for those left behind. Much of our story was drowned out because a candidate whose life had been deeply and personally affected by crime couldn’t fight allegations that he was soft on criminals. He had also vetoed a popular but unconstitutional bill requiring students to recite the pledge of allegiance. All of us on staff could feel our momentum slipping away. Even without our campaign’s weaknesses or Willie Horton, it would have been difficult to change course from the legacy of a popular president in good economic times. Maybe a candidate who gets excited about expanded public transit would never be president.

Over the course of the 1988 campaign, I decided that as exciting as the process had been, this was not a career for me. A new job search every couple of years and constantly traversing the country were not in my plans. I didn’t envy the lives of even the most successful and talented political staffers I met. I found the negativity on both sides demoralizing.

I came to view campaigning as a great two-year fling, but not a way to live one’s life. Although I emerged from the campaign more cynical of politics, and my years working in a heavily regulated industry have made me even more so, I still look back fondly on my time campaigning. And what could be more important than helping choose the leader of the free world? ★ ★ ★

Judy Chapman ’56

Tamalpais Community Services District Board

Mill Valley, California

After five years at Park (Kindergarten through Grade IV), Judy Chapman finished school at Winsor and graduated from Hollins College in Roanoke, Virginia. After college, she entered the Peace Corps with idealistic hopes of contributing to a developing country. Her two years in Morocco became the most influential political experience of her life. Because it was beneficial to both the Moroccan and the U.S. governments, Judy was assigned to teach the princesses at the Royal Palace, where she gained a whole new understanding of the game of politics. Immediately following the Cuban missile crisis, Morocco wanted to continue importing Cuban sugar and the U.S. wanted to retain their air force base at Kenitra. The diplomats at the negotiating table decided that a Peace Corps teacher at the Palace would help to solve both these national problems, but at the expense of Judy’s idealism.

Since 1972, Judy has been a resident of Mill Valley, California, a suburb of San Francisco. She works in the legal support field, placing support staff for law firms in the Bay Area. Her four children and four grandchildren live nearby.



I approach most everything with a healthy dose of skepticism—probably a life lesson drawn from my experiences in Morocco! When I became a resident of Mill Valley, it became apparent that our part of town, which is unincorporated, was being managed irresponsibly. The five-member Tamalpais Community Services District board hadn’t changed for more than 20 years and was not fulfilling its mission of providing efficient garbage and sanitation systems or giving a voice to



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residents. Some savvy citizens discovered that the Board had filed multiple lawsuits against Marin County that were dragging on for years, and realized that the residents of Mill Valley were actually paying for both sides.

I’m a big one for saving taxpayer dollars whenever possible, so when I heard about all these lawsuits regarding responsibility and maintenance against the County, I became motivated. In the fall of 1990, three seats on the TCSD Board opened up, and three individuals (including me) stepped forward to run. The League of Women Voters sponsored a debate in which we pointed out how our tax dollars were being spent and exposed other flaws. One of the existing Board members didn’t even live in the district

anymore (which was against the rules). The three of us won handily and within a few months had dismissed all the lawsuits, saving our section of unincorporated Mill Valley thousands of dollars.

I ended up serving as the president of the Tamalpais Community Service District Board for twelve years. We implemented several new recycling programs including green waste, cans, and glass, and we remodeled a community center building that has been a wonderful resource for the community.

I really had the feeling that I was contributing—and accomplishing—what I wanted to. I certainly did NOT work for the pay, which was only \$100 per month! Concurrently, I served on a county commission that controlled

growth, the Local Area Formation Commission. This was certainly a different level of politics—a stepping-stone for some to the state legislature. At first, this experience was like an intensive post-graduate seminar. I had no higher aspirations myself, but I really, really enjoyed being involved. Fortunately, I never felt that my later experiences in politics required me to compromise any of my goals, but I did come to realize that politics on the inside are quite different from the public perception. ★ ★ ★

Duncan Chapman '53

Retired Republican Chairman for Precincts 1, 2, and 3

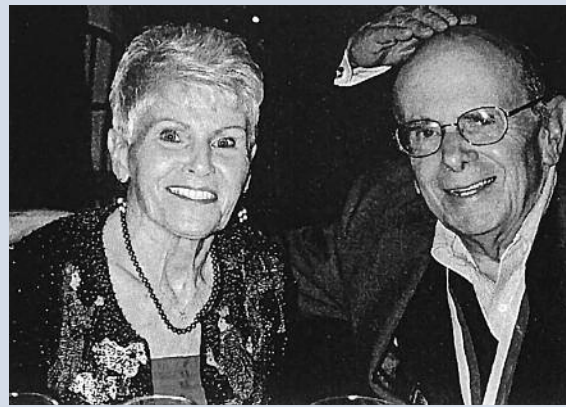
Tryon, North Carolina

Duncan spent Kindergarten through Grade VI at Park. He attended Dexter for Grades VII-IX, graduated from Milton Academy and Yale, where he majored in history. His first job out of college was at the Committee on Undersea Warfare with the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, D.C. That position paved the way for Duncan to become an oceanographer for an exploratory aquaculture study by Zapata Offshore Co., George H. W. Bush's oil company in Texas. In Houston, he became an active volunteer for the senior Bush's 1966 campaign for U.S. Congress. Now retired and enjoying the North Carolina mountains, Duncan serves on the Republican Executive Committee for Precincts 1, 2, and 3 in Tryon, N.C.

I arrived in Texas shortly after George H. W. Bush had filed suit under the Supreme Court's one-man-one-vote ruling for a congressional redistricting in Houston. Victory in court led to the creation of a new Seventh Congressional District, for which Mr. Bush became a candidate. I admired the man a great deal, and when the management at Zapata decided that aquaculture was not in their plans, I decided to stay in Houston and volunteer for his campaign. I volunteered to help identify and recruit new voters who lived in the large apartment complexes there. My tasks included lining up other volunteers to circulate literature, hold rallies, and man the telephones at campaign headquarters. Our efforts paid off: Bush took the House seat with 57 percent of the vote in 1966.

While I may disagree with his politics, the late Tip O'Neill was correct in pointing out that all politics is local. This has been a mantra for many of us in the Chapman family. (Note my sister Judy's essay on the preceding page.) My grandfather was mayor of Cheboygan, Michigan, and for many years and throughout my childhood, I recall my aunt's service as a selectman in Wellesley.

Partly to satisfy my own curiosity, and partly to fulfill my obligation as a productive citizen, I became active with the local Republican Party when I moved to Western North Carolina. Locally, I'm hoping that the Republicans will keep control of the County Commission, but our region is evenly split and could go either way this fall. ★ ★ ★



Duncan with his wife, Susan

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Judy and Duncan Chapman were Park students in the 1940s and 50s

Danny Freifeld '94

Foreign Policy Adviser

Hillary Clinton Presidential Bid, 2008

The youngest of three Freifeld brothers to attend Park, Danny spent Nursery through Grade VIII on Goddard Avenue and then went on to Brookline High School. After some time off and a year spent at a small liberal arts college in Florida, he transferred to Emory University in Atlanta. He holds a law degree from New York University and lives in Washington, D.C., with his wife, Leila Abolfazli, who is also an attorney. He has worked at the World Bank on security scenarios, for the Department of Defense in nine Middle Eastern countries recruiting participants for counterterrorism negotiations, and on transatlantic intelligence sharing and judicial cooperation efforts among American prosecutors and European magistrates. For a year, Danny was living out his dream job at the nexus of politics and policy as a foreign policy adviser on Senator Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign.



I think there are three types of people who work on campaigns. There are the D.C. political animals who move between serving candidates during election years and, in the off-years, work for Beltway communications or polling shops. Then there are the policy wonks who, during elections, work for the candidates as advisers and during the off-years work in think tanks, refining proposals on potential policies. Then there are those who move back and forth between campaigns and the world of policy activism, working on building relationships and promoting programs. I belong to this last group.

Politics may be in my blood. My grandfather was a Democratic legislator in Florida, and there is a long line

of ancestors on my mother's side who were involved in politics and law in Alabama and Florida. At the dinner table growing up, the conversation would invariably turn to politics. But I was never active in student organizations at Park, in high school, or even in college. Rather, I was drawn to politics by its unstructured environment that rewards quick thinking. My first real exposure to the national arena came during my junior year at Emory when I interned at the Brookings Institution. That year, Washington was mobilized for the 2002 midterm elections with the USA PATRIOT Act and the run-up to the war in Iraq dominating the debate.

I promised myself that when I graduated from college the next year, I would do something to help defeat George Bush. Yet, when I graduated, all I had was a lot of opinions, a new girlfriend (who would later become my wife), and no idea how I was going to get involved. I spent a few weeks trying (unsuccessfully) to talk my way onto the policy staff at the center of Senator Kerry's campaign. Although I had no political experience and no real work experience to speak of, I was convinced that I should help craft Kerry's foreign policy. Realizing that I needed a foundation for my ideas, I moved to the Middle East to earn some credibility.

Watching the war in Iraq deteriorate and the image of the United States plummet, I returned to the U.S. in April 2004 and joined a small progressive political action committee based in D.C. that was running a voter registration campaign in West Virginia's eastern panhandle. The timing could not have been better. This group was studded with talented, experienced politicians who lacked only a fulltime coordinator to execute a range of plans waiting in the wings. As campaign manager, I led the organization's trans-



formation from a voter registration outfit into a full-fledged field campaign. By election day, we were active in seven counties, had contacted 36,000 voters in person, mobilized over 1,600 volunteers, and logged roughly 17,500 volunteer hours. Even though we suffered a tough defeat in West Virginia, I gained tremendous professional growth. The challenge and opportunity of coordinating an older, more experienced team taught me valuable management skills. I also learned the importance of personal relationships and local organizing. Equally important, I had a fantastic time driving around West Virginia in an old Jeep Wrangler, listening to country music, organizing massive door-to-door canvasses, running booths at county fairs, developing friendships with West Virginians from every walk of life, and living, working, and eating out of county headquarters all across the state.

In the spring of 2007, one of my law school professors recommended me to a close associate of Senator Clinton's. I completed my last term of law school while working on her campaign in Washington. As the fifth member of the candidate's policy department, I took my seat in the war room at campaign headquarters to begin what was a dream job for anyone with an interest in foreign policy. I was writing policy

briefs that went straight into Hillary's major foreign policy speeches, drafting answers to debate questions, and working everyday on a range of foreign policy issues for editorial board interviews, issue surveys, and television appearances. Working in the midst of the energy, noise, and excitement of the war room was something else. The walls are lined with TVs, the

ble to separate life and work.

And for that reason, Washington and national politics can be seductive. It can be hard to distinguish those who are hungering for power to serve the country and those who merely crave power for power's sake. Washington is full of people like me, believing—somewhat arrogantly—that we possess the judgment, experience, and

politics, while certainly offering the fast track to power, can lead to aimless ambition and purposeless drive.

That is the lesson I have drawn from my experience in the 2008 primary and my experience in West Virginia. No matter what position you have on a campaign, it is critical to remain anchored to something larger—a belief in community empower-

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phones ring nonstop, and senators, congressmen, and high-level Democratic operatives stroll across the floor. But the excitement of a campaign is not confined to the headquarters. All of Washington seemed focused on one subject—who will be the next president, what will he or she do, and, most importantly, who will he or she bring to the top? It quickly became impossi-

wisdom to solve those eternally intractable challenges facing our country. And so we all crave the authority and the responsibility to take the helm. And we all recognize that the fastest path to that position is through elections. But it is crucial to remain grounded in something—a passion for an issue or a commitment to a community. Sailing rudderless in the world of

ment or a passion for a particular policy area. And it is equally important to have fun doing it! I have The Park School and Fern (Solomon) Cunningham-Terry to thank for imparting to me at an early age the importance of finding joy in what I do while serving a greater purpose. She taught me to take life in stride and to maintain a healthy perspective. ★ ★ ★



Danny musters the troops in West Virginia

John Tayer '79

Denver Regional Transportation District Board of Directors

Boulder, Colorado

John left Park after eighth grade to attend Noble & Greenough and then the University of Michigan. Law school at the University of Colorado drew him to Boulder, where he still resides with his wife and chief political advisor, Molly, and "two very rambunctious cats." He works as the public affairs manager for a pharmaceutical development and manufacturing company, Roche Colorado Corporation. In this role, John handles all public relations activities and communications for the site. In addition to his service on the RTD Board, John also sits on voluntary boards for the Boulder Chamber of Commerce, Avista Adventist Hospital, and the local non-profit recycling agency, Eco-Cycle.



How I Caught the Political Bug

Where does the political bug come from? Well, as this is an article for The Park School *Bulletin*, you bet I will credit my elementary school education. What would you expect from a politician?

First, let me tell you a little bit about my recent foray into public office. I am currently serving as an elected representative to the Denver Regional Transportation District

I captured the RTD Board seat in 2006 after earning 100% support from the voters in my Boulder-area district. While I am *certain* this election result reflected unanimous agreement with my approach to improving transit service, I must give partial credit to the lack of a campaign opponent. Still, my run for office was a serious endeavor, with an official logo, fundraising events, and other requisite electioneering activities.

But the real campaign began on the day I publicly announced that I was running for the RTD seat. There, amidst a small gathering of friends and supporters at the Boulder central bus depot, I declared my candidacy and staked-out positions on local transit issues. It was at that moment I realized I had reached a point of no return—I had become a politician.

Which might be a good segue for reflection on my indoctrination to public service. In essence, my life experience has always placed me behind the scenes in positions serving various elected officials and public policy interests. One of my earliest personal memories was carrying a campaign sign, in freezing wind and rain, on behalf of my father's bid for a Brookline Selectman seat. I also remember my parents' work on behalf of fair housing policies. But just maybe I first came to understand and appreciate the true *power* of political office when I watched my

while walking those hallowed halls, except the occasional lobbying for my cause when I had to "sign the book" in Mr. Hurlbut's office. But I do have distinct memories of the Park personalities who helped shape the values I carry with me today. Wonderful teachers, like Bill Bourne, Ruth Williams, and Tom Smith to name a few, always conveyed a concern for the human condition and the greater social welfare in their educational lessons.

I carried these Park School values with me in my later travels to college at the University of Michigan where I was active in Latin American justice issues and other human rights causes. I then headed off to Washington, D.C., for a stint on Capitol Hill. I first landed an administrative position on Senator Ted Kennedy's Labor and Human Resources Committee staff. There I learned the very basics of legislative practice while tied to a telephone reception desk (I can still repeat, in my sleep, "Labor and Human Resources Committee. Please hold!") and sporting an excellent Xerox tan.

The work with Senator Kennedy led to an administrative aide position with Washington State Senator Brock Adams. The bulk of my job responsibilities entailed the drafting of constituent correspondence on the Senator's behalf, covering everything from Medicare reform to National—fill in the blank—Disease Awareness

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(RTD) Board of Directors. RTD, much like the MBTA, is the agency that operates all of the public transit service in the Denver region, both bus routes and rail lines. RTD Board members serve as the agency's governing authority with responsibility for all operations and budget policy decisions.

father (then serving as Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission), shoot the starting gun during the Brookline Road Race.

It was during those same formative years that I attended The Park School. In truth, I don't remember any particular instance of political engagement

Month. Most important, it was then that I recognized the chance I had to make a very real difference through the political process. Speaking for the Senator, either in letters or at staff committee meetings, let me make my small mark on the public policy issues that affected real people. How small a

mark? I remember the opportunity I had to weigh-in on a draft of the Americans with Disabilities Act. My contribution, literally, was the suggestion that we add a comma in one section of the bill. Yes, these were humble beginnings.

After two years in D.C., my career would take a jag through law school at the University of Colorado, being that a *Juris Doctor* was practically a requirement for further advancement on Capitol Hill. Those Colorado mountains got a powerful hold on me, though, and I was happy to find work after graduation in the Boulder City Manager's Office as the director of policy. There, again, I was working on behalf of elected representatives, this time advancing Boulder's interests at the State Capitol and before various state and regional governing bodies. Six years later, I would assume a similar role in the private sector working as the public affairs manager for a local Boulder branch of the large health care company, Roche.

So the general theme continued, I would give my voice to public policy issues through the other elected officials and interests I represented. That is, until a friend approached me with a clever idea: "Why don't you run for the open seat on the RTD Board of Directors?" In truth, public transportation has always been a passion of mine. Having grown up riding the T from my home in Brookline to all sorts of urban adventures with my Park School friends, it probably is not surprising that I would be an advocate for transit investment in developing metropolitan regions, such as Denver.

My interest in that area already had led me to a five-year stint as an appointed member of Boulder's Transportation Advisory Board. I also had a great deal of experience while working in the City Manager's Office advocating for transit funding at RTD. So, it wasn't too much of a stretch for me to consider a run for the RTD Board. Thus, with the Kingston Trio's tune, *Charlie on the MTA*, playing in my head, I began the process of private discussions and planning that culminated in the public declaration of my candidacy for the RTD Board.

Stepping out from behind the political curtain and having to stand-up for



my own public policy views, has been a liberating experience. I enjoy the great privilege I have in my new elected position of putting my own vision into action. Sure, I have 14 other Board members to coax along (actually, if you are counting votes, only seven is fine for most purposes). I also have constituent interests to satisfy. But within those parameters, I am the one who chooses the transit issues to champion and the positions I will take. Among my key platform initiatives is the goal of completing a massive build-out of RTD's rail system and improving transit access for lower-income customers.

At the same time, my RTD Board experience is balanced by a healthy dose of vulnerability. Reporters and engaged citizens monitor every vote and public statement. These interests will jump at any chance to expose a political or substantive weakness in my arguments. Of course, too, there is the knowledge that every decision the RTD Board makes has impacts on transit customers. This includes those who ride the daily commuter runs as well as some of our community's most vulner-

able populations that rely on RTD's disability services as their sole means of mobility.

Amidst the emotional balance of liberation and vulnerability, I have enjoyed immensely serving on the RTD Board. There is petty political gamesmanship and heady policy debate. All of it is stimulating. Mostly, though, there is the chance to live-out the spirit of my Park School education. Public transit is important, giving mobility to those with no other choice, offering commuters a more environmentally friendly transportation option, and helping our nation grapple with its energy challenges. Giving every bit of energy I can to my RTD position, I hope to make public transit an even more effective tool for addressing these needs.

In other words . . . my first foray into politics is giving me the chance to help improve the human condition and advance the greater social welfare. Simply and Sincerely, to paraphrase a familiar school motto, that is what motivated me to run for public office. Thank you, Park School, for giving me the political bug! ★ ★ ★

Jim Newell '58

Town Moderator

Newark, Vermont

Jim left Park after Grade VI to attend Noble & Greenough School. A major in international relations at Harvard positioned him to join the Army's Security Agency in 1965. Following stints in California and Texas, Jim served a three-year tour in Germany. Discharged in Europe, he lived for several years in Munich and Paris, where he met his wife-to-be, Sally Findly. (They later discovered that Sally's mother, aunt, and uncle—Sheila, Susie, and Robertson Ward—had attended Park in the 1930's—and that Sally and Jim had both been born on Tappan Street in Brookline. Returning to the States, Jim earned a master's in Russian at Middlebury College and he and Sally married in Boston in 1972. The following year they moved to the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont, where they built a house in the town of Newark and raised three great sons. They lived off the grid and walked 1/3-mile to-and-fro through the woods in the winter for over 30 years. Presently, they enjoy a combination of electricity and solar power and a plowed road!

Jim taught high school and community college before founding an independent elementary school in nearby Lyndonville with Sally and friends. "Park definitely had a big influence on the way I set up The Riverside School," Jim says. He taught at the school from 1981-2000 and was head for 15 years. The school continues to thrive. Jim, meanwhile, devotes his time and energy to gardening, writing, and serving on the Catamount Arts, Riverside School, Northeastern Regional Hospital, and Patient Choice At-End-Of Life boards. He has completed four screenplays, two of which have stirred some interest, particularly the one about young Melville. He also served for ten years as Selectman for the Town of Newark and continues as Town Moderator.

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In Vermont, hard work carries a lot of weight. When I first arrived in Newark, I took a job digging graves. One burial required digging out buckets of loose ledge, which really impressed the Road Commissioner. With his endorsement, "If anyone can work, Jim Newell can," I ventured to run for selectman. Together with two other selectmen, I represented our town of 400 people for ten years. In such a small place, you get to know everyone. Ultimately, I resigned because the meetings were interfering in my work at The Riverside School.

On Town Meeting Day, the first Tuesday in March, citizens across Vermont come together in their communities to discuss the business of their towns. For over 200 years, Town Meeting Day has been an important political event when Vermonters elect local officers and vote on town and school budgets. It is an opportunity for neighbors to discuss among themselves the issues facing their community.

Usually about 100 people, a relatively high percentage of the voting population of Newark, come out to vote on pressing issues concerning the school, the fire department, and town road maintenance.

As moderator, my job is to ensure that the meeting is orderly and fair. I run the meeting using *Robert's Rules of Order*, calling for votes on each item of business and announcing the decisions of the voters. A prominent Vermont historian has cited Newark as having one of the most democratic town meetings in the state.

The rural areas here in Vermont tend to be conservative, while the larger towns, particularly on the western side of the state, are more liberal. Newark is a bedroom community located near Burke Mountain ski area. The dairy farms have gone under; nowadays, people tend to work in education, healthcare, retail, logging, or industry. There are a number of artists in town as well. We are a poor town, income wise, but property taxes are high, which is very hard on residents who have marginal incomes. Many local residents are hunters, and as might be expected, are pro-gun. In fact, it is not uncommon in any given year for Newark to have the highest number of bears shot in the state. Act 250 has helped Vermont preserve undeveloped spaces and its rural character. There is a law that outlaws billboards, and Vermonters are strong supporters of recycling. It costs the town of Newark about five times more to dispose of trash than to recycle; a very good incentive for our residents to sort out their glass, metal, and paper.

I think it is important who serves as our local elected representatives. They influence the direction not only of local politics, but also how the state and the country go as well. ★ ★ ★



Britt Hall '66

Board of Assessors

Sherborn, Massachusetts

Neighbors of the "old" Park School, the Hall family lived on Walnut Street, so Britt walked to school from Kindergarten to Grade III. When the family moved to Wellesley, Britt attended Tenacre, the Wellesley Public Schools, and graduated from Kent School in Connecticut. His dramatic initiation to politics came at Harvard, where he learned that "local politics is a great way to get involved in your community." Britt and his wife, Peggy, live in Sherborn, with their children Amelia (23, now living in Texas) and Jane (17), where Britt has served as a 17-year member of the Sherborn Board of Assessors, the group that sets value of taxable property (real estate, personal property, motor vehicles and boats). He also runs a software company that writes tax assessment software for municipalities.



I was fortunate to have had Dottie Ball in second grade. She taught us about our planet, developing in us a sense of large-scale geography, as well as a knowledge of history and social studies. It was great to discover that I was living in a small part of a large whole. She was a big influence on us second graders.

During my freshman year in college, I got bit by the political bug. About 25 of us tried to register to vote in Cambridge, but the Board of Elec-

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tions denied our applications because we were Harvard students, and therefore not really residents of Cambridge. The ACLU put together a class action suit. Eugene McCarthy's son, Michael, was in my class and part of the suit. Partly because of him, the media were

very interested in our court case. One by one, we all stood up and stated our case and gave our residence as the dorms we lived in, a street number on Broadway. The court decided in our favor, we received our voter registration, and all-in-all, it was an uplifting experience.

A few years later I moved to Austin, Texas, which is a lot like Cambridge politically and culturally, and became involved in local politics there. As I was getting a master's degree in human services management and policy from the University of Texas, I also did some political organizing. At one point I had a job working for the state of Texas where I wrote the textbooks and guidelines to teach people how to assign a value to a house. In all states, this is a process that has local citizen oversight.

In 1986, we moved back to Sherborn, where my family has lived for over 300 years. My sister lives in the original (ca. 1690) family house. With my background in tax assessment, I went in to talk to the Sherborn Assessors in 1989 to see if I could assist them in any way. They asked me to

run for a position on the Board of Assessors, the citizen oversight group. I have been re-elected every three years since, and plan to continue indefinitely. It's very satisfying to see my efforts as a tax assessor result in funding for my community's schools, especially when



U.S. News and World Report recently ranked Dover-Sherborn High School as the 125th best in the country!

While I am a member of Move-on, and participate in local anti-war efforts, the Board of Assessors is completely non-partisan. The Town of Sherborn runs the gamut from progressive to conservative. I find that residents of both stripes appreciate that there are direct benefits from what they pay in property taxes. As Will Rogers once said, "Be thankful we're not getting all the government we're paying for," but there has always been agreement concerning the value of funding for education.

Now, as the real estate market turns downward, many properties are not appreciating, and there is real concern about how the town will fund itself. We must be frugal with raises and expenditures. Flat or reduced revenue is an issue for every government entity while the cost of healthcare goes through the roof. Sherborn is also grappling with preserving open space and a sense of the agricultural roots of the community. Like many towns, we are trying to find a way to foster "reasonable growth."

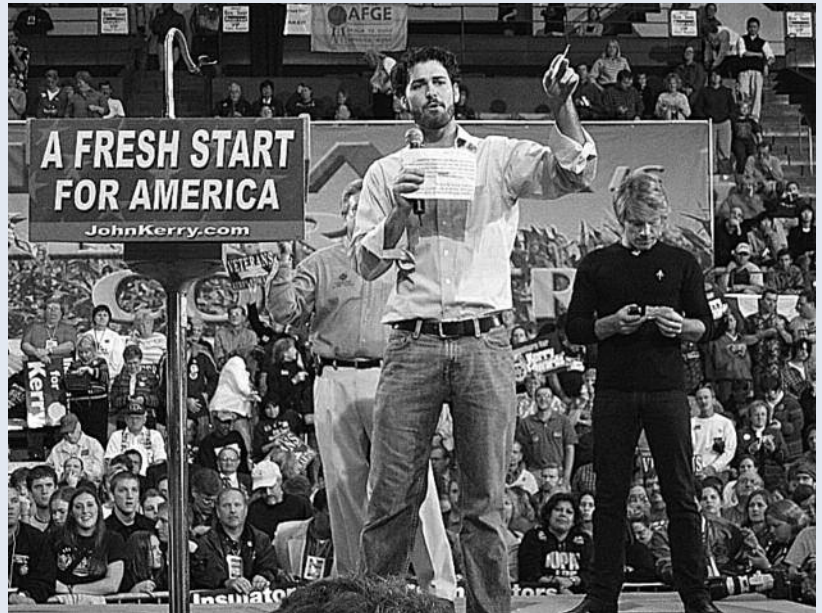
I have been involved with local elective politics for three reasons: 1) I have the time, 2) It's a way to give back to my home town, and 3) If I don't actively participate, I have no right to complain when things get screwed up, nor, really, to celebrate when things go well. "Think globally, act locally" works for me. ★ ★ ★

Colman Chamberlain '94

International Relations Entrepreneur

New York, New York

After two years at Park for Grades VII and VIII, Colman graduated from Brookline High School and Trinity College. As a political science major concentrating in international relations, he held internships both in Congressman Barney Frank's District Headquarters Office, where he focused on Veteran's Affairs, and also in Senator Kerry's Press Office. In his junior year abroad at the University of Edinburgh, Colman landed a plum internship in the newly formed Scottish Parliament, working for Scottish Parliament Member Helen Eadie, who served on the European Union Committee. Noting that interns in Europe are given far more responsibility than their American counterparts, Colman interviewed Gordon Brown (then Chancellor of the Exchequer) and wrote a white paper demonstrating how Scotland could gain more power in the E.U. Upon graduating from college, Colman did not seek a job in the political arena, but instead hung up his shingle in IT and also began volunteering for the United Way. A few months later he was hired as a field organizer for the Kerry presidential campaign in Iowa. In the spring of 2009, Colman will receive a master's of international affairs from Columbia University, with a concentration in management focusing on corporate social responsibility and microfinance—all good preparation for his new venture, Cause Connections.



Three months before November 2004, I found myself in Linn County, Iowa. As a field organizer for the Kerry Campaign, I was in charge of about 25 volunteers who had dedicated everything to get John Kerry elected. Many had quit their jobs, put school on hold, even moved away from their families. As the paid staffer, my job was to organize the volunteers in phone banks, door-to-door canvassing, caucus-style meetings, and potlucks. Most of my time was spent trying to develop strategies for our outreach teams, but seven days before the election, I turned my attention to a massive rally at the US Cellular Center in Cedar Rapids.

Numerous stars were on stage, talking up the election's critical nature. The energy was palpable—but the 10,000 people in the stadium were already going to vote for Kerry. We still needed undecided voters to pull the levers in November. So, we created the

largest phone bank in history. Our volunteers passed out thousands of cards, each with an individual's name and phone number. From there, it was my turn to “stand in for our office.” With an introduction by Bon Jovi, I asked the thousands of Kerry supporters in the stands to pull out their cell phones and make the calls. The honor of representing my office for this massive phone bank was exhilarating, but I thought little of the effect 48 seconds could have on undecided voters.

The next morning, after my requisite four hours of sleep, my housemate asked if I was listening to NPR. I mumbled no, but managed to turn on the radio just in time to hear my own voice on Morning Edition in a story about our historic phone bank. Later that morning, the whole office relished the positive coverage our efforts received on MSNBC, ABC, and other outlets. Watching the returns on Election Day, we did manage to win Linn



County, the second largest in Iowa, but the overall loss was devastating. By far, the hardest part was going to the office the day after the election, and having to say a defeated goodbye to the dedicated volunteers who had sacrificed so much to work on the campaign.

Needing a break from the political arena, I returned to Boston and corporate world again. While I enjoyed working in marketing and client relations for a vice president at Smith Barney, it lacked the excitement of the campaign world. Just then, my Peace Corps application was accepted and I had 24 hours to decide if I should take a post in Botswana.

In spring 2005, I left family and friends to serve as a district AIDS coordinating volunteer for the state of

Botswana, which is plagued with the world's second highest HIV prevalence, is also the most committed in the world to fighting the virus. Botswana spends more per capita on health than nearly any other African country, distributing life saving anti-retroviral (ARV) drugs and crucial infant formula to HIV+ mothers for free, but it

accomplish in politics when you're not in the spotlight. My perspective changed in January 2007, when the top official left her post and the Malaodi (or Governor) asked me to take over. As the top official, I was overseeing six government programs, 47 health facilities, more than 350 health workers, and nearly 30 community-based organizations in an area larger than the state of New Jersey.

"For 18 months, working under Mahalapye's top HIV/AIDS official and working behind the scenes of a very public effort, I learned what you could accomplish in politics when you're not in the spotlight."

I was the only Peace Corps volunteer who did not have a background in public health or medicine, and I was the only white person in a village of 55,000. HIV/AIDS affects everyone in Botswana. With more than one in three pregnant women testing HIV+, the virus rips apart families, workplaces, schools, and individuals. In many villages more than 50 percent of the children are orphans. The family



is still an uphill battle. What set my state's team apart was the comprehensive approach we took, utilizing every possible technique. Relying on skills and tactics I had learned in all of my preceding jobs, we forged ahead. We got the national soccer team to work with men, Miss Botswana to work with women, US donors to support a life-skills camp and weekend safari for orphans, local churches to incorporate HIV counseling in pre-marital counseling, the largest employer to hold paid counseling and testing days, and the largest mobile telephone carrier to send emergency text messages during a deadly infant diarrhea outbreak. The diverse array of programs produced measurable results: using government-supplied infant formula, we were able to increase the number of uninfected babies born to HIV+ mothers to 92.9 percent, an astonishing accomplishment even by western standards.

At this point in my career, I recognize that NGOs and governments need to continue delivering essential health and human services, but a majority of them have serious flaws. Many lack efficiency, proper organization, accountability, and the ability to respond quickly to emergencies. Corporations have the resources but lack the knowledge of what's really happening on the ground. They often make decisions based on purse strings, not

on a country's individual situation. The key is finding the balance between them all to deliver what is truly needed.



In response, I have started a business with two partners called Cause Connections (www.cause2connections.com). We work with celebrities, high net-worth individuals, and small companies to connect them with solid causes that fit their personal goals. When Garrett Dutton (the lead singer for the band G Love and Special Sauce) approached us, he wanted an issue that had international reach, and would help both children and the environment. We linked him with Malaria No More (www.malarianomore.org), an organization that fit his beliefs and was eager to have him onboard. On their U.S. tour this fall, G Love will be raising awareness about this entirely preventable infectious disease that kills 10,000 children in Africa each year and is tied to a myriad of environmental issues.

As a start-up, this new venture is full of surprises. But I know that I can draw on my experiences from the Scottish Parliament, Congressman Barney Frank's office, Senator John Kerry's office, the Kerry campaign in Iowa, and the HIV/AIDS agency in Botswana to navigate a path for Cause Connections. ★ ★ ★

with whom I lived had been ripped apart by AIDS, too. My three host brothers, ages 20, 14, and 8, had lost their father, and while I was there, they also lost their mother to the virus.

For 18 months, working under Mahalapye's top HIV/AIDS official and working behind the scenes of a very public effort, I learned what you could

Bonnie Bonnet Akins '56

Board of Assessors

Dover, Massachusetts

Bonnie joined Mrs. Ball's second grade class in September 1948 and stayed at Park through Grade VII. She graduated from Milton Academy in 1959 and went to Goucher College before transferring to Katharine Gibbs in Boston. In the spring of 1962, she was asked to help out at Park's front desk and shortly became administrative assistant to the headmaster until June 1966. Marriage to Carl Akins and a brief move to Minnesota was followed by a return to Boston for Carl's orthopedic training, and for Bonnie, a return to Park where she stayed until the fall of 1971. Bonnie currently works for a several days a week as the bookkeeper and accountant for a small management company in Boston.



"The essence of politics is being involved, always learning, maybe making a difference and keeping connected to the community in which one lives."



Town Government—32 Years and Counting

Overspending the Historical Commission's \$150 budget; that's what got me involved in Dover town government! America was brimming with interest in history as the Bicentennial approached. I had been appointed to a newly-formed Historical Commission which set out to produce and mail to all town residents a small pamphlet describing local historical sites. Our committee of three took on research, writing, typing, layout, and production. Printing costs came to \$60, and I estimated non-profit postage at \$45. That was when I learned that local government is not non-profit; it is a business. The postage brought us over budget by \$57.43, and the Historical Commission was asked to appear before the Warrant Commit-

tee (Town Finance Committee). We successfully pleaded our case for a reserve fund transfer, and the next I knew, I was asked to serve on the Warrant Committee.

The Warrant Committee reviews all town budgets, capital requests, and warrant articles — many addressing policy, zoning, and future planning — and makes its recommendation to the Town for vote at Town Meeting. The committee, appointed by the Town Moderator, represents a diversity of expertise and opinion. The task involves understanding many state laws and town politics, as well as being at ease with math, keeping one's composure, working with deadlines, and, most importantly, a sense of humor.

The process is intense and requires hundreds of hours of volunteer time — early in the morning, late at night, on the phone at all times. The final gavel

of Town Meeting feels like the beginning of summer vacation. Whether the committee's recommendations have been agreed with or not, the bell has rung. But next year's work begins almost right away.

Five years on the Warrant Committee was followed by appointment to terms on the Capital Budget, Long Range Planning, Personnel Study, Public Works Advisory, Bylaw Review, and the Caryl School Study committees. In 1996 there was an open position on the Board of Assessors, and I ran unopposed.

Dover is almost entirely residential; real estate taxes provide over 90 percent of the town's revenue. For almost 20 years I had helped figure out how to best spend our citizens' money, and it was time to figure out where it came from. I am now starting my fourth term as a tax assessor. An assessor needs the same skills as a Warrant Committee member AND special knowledge of property taxation law (assessors must pass a test given by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue).

What at Park prepared me for politics? I loved working out mental math with Mrs. Watson in the third grade. Working on *The Parking Space* and Gilbert & Sullivan productions are special memories of group projects with lots of pieces and a deadline. My years as Park's administrative assistant to several headmasters gave me some experience with politics and the importance of maintaining composure and a sense of humor.

Town government is sometimes frustrating, but mostly rewarding. Committee recommendations to the Town have been approved overwhelmingly, soundly defeated, or even determined by one vote.

The essence of politics is being involved, always learning, maybe making a difference and keeping connected to the community in which one lives. Aren't those themes that Park has always deemed important? ★ ★ ★

Bob Parks '73

Republican Candidate for State Representative

Massachusetts 2nd Franklin District

Bob's father, Ray, was the chairman of Park's Art Department from 1970-73. After Park, Bob went on to Milton Academy, Suffolk University, and the School of the Museum of Fine Arts. His artistic training landed him a job at the Boston Symphony Orchestra as a graphic designer and press office assistant. Following four years in the Navy, he relocated to Hollywood where he worked for the Fox Broadcasting Company as an artist on shows such as The Simpsons, The X Files, and Melrose Place. In California, Bob discovered politics and was interviewed to co-produce radio and television ads for presidential candidate Alan Keyes in 1996. A few years later, Bob mounted his own bid for U.S. Congress representing the California in the 24th District seat. He is currently running for the Massachusetts State Legislature, representing the 2nd Franklin District (Athol, Orange, Erving, Gill, Warwick, and Greenfield). The father of two grown sons, Bob resides in Athol.



During the last ten or so years, I've been a political writer, national talk radio guest, and a video producer. I was tired of criticizing and decided it was time to put up or shut up.

I'm putting up.

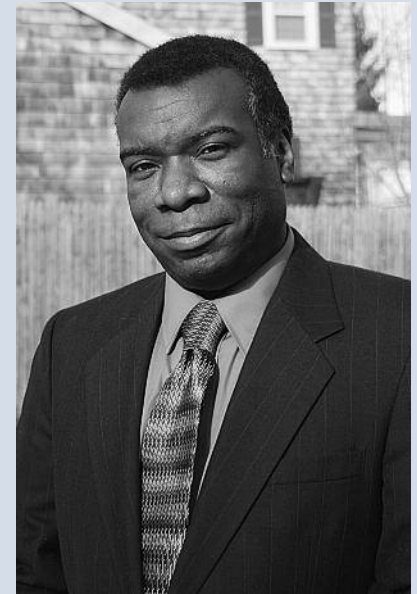
Before moving back to Massachusetts six years ago, I worked in Hollywood and lived in the San Fernando Valley. What I noticed was that The

economically vibrant community because if it wasn't, a politician would be voted out.

Here in the 2nd Franklin, as well as many other districts in Massachusetts, one party dominates, and when politicians know their jobs are safe, little gets done. My opponent, Christopher Donelan, has been in office for eight years. During that time, the economic reality of our region has been disintegrating. This is a largely rural district in which residents have to drive dozens of miles to get to work. As the last manufacturing plants leave the area, Central Massachusetts is facing a real economic plight, but there are no incentives for industry of any kind to move here. In most of the towns in this district of 40,000—the real estate market has also bottomed out. You see house after house for sale, and many are foreclosures. People can't make their mortgage payments.

What I propose is that the Department of Housing and Urban Development declare this district an "economic empowerment zone." That would allow all existing businesses within the district to qualify for federal tax breaks and easing of restrictions, which would allow them to expand and hire more people.

Instead of the people depending on the government, my plan will allow the towns within the 2nd Franklin to have the self-determination and resources to solve the problems of unemployment and lack of revenue that fund the everyday things local governments need. Once the empowerment zone is in place, I, as the State Rep would go to each individual board of selectmen



The goal would be to bring at least two major corporations to each town, and they would have to commit to stay a minimum of ten years to take advantage of the empowerment zone incentives. Once that happens, we will suddenly become the most business-friendly sliver of land in the Commonwealth.

This is a conservative area. Only 38 percent are registered Democrats, and about half of the voters are unenrolled. I believe this district is extremely winnable, and even if most Democrats never thought they would ever vote for a Republican, this is not about party. It's about being able to support a family and resurrect local economies.

Come Labor Day when the national conventions are behind us, people will start paying attention to the local races. I have a small team put together now—a treasurer, political adviser, and campaign manager—and we'll all be ramping up the campaign this fall. I am running unopposed in the September primary, so we will be able to focus on winning in November. ★ ★ ★

"The San Fernando Valley...was a politically competitive district – evenly divided by Democrats and Republicans. It was a clean, safe, economically vibrant community because if it wasn't, a politician would be voted out."

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and find out what type of businesses they want in their towns, which I will then personally attempt to lure here.

Kenzie Bok '02

19-year-old Political Junkie

Kenzie credits her father, Alex Bok '74, with initially lighting her political fuse. (He mounted an unsuccessful bid for State Representative at age 21, but that's another story.) Since then, during her ten years at Park, four years at Milton, and her first year at Harvard, Kenzie has been a true political junkie. After helping with the delegate operation at the Democratic Convention in Denver, she returns to Cambridge this fall, where she'll take part in the Harvard College Democrats' efforts to bus students up to New Hampshire every weekend before the election. Having won a 'College' seat on the Massachusetts Democratic State Committee last March, she'll also be aiding the efforts to mobilize the state for Obama. In an effort to stay as involved in local politics as possible, she also plans to work the polls for a State Senate candidate in the September primary and attend her local Ward's committee meetings. Kenzie acknowledges, "All these activities will make for a dizzying and excessively political fall, but perhaps the most important political activity on my plate has nothing to do with any campaign. Through the Institute of Politics at Harvard, I teach Civics once a week in Boston Public School classrooms. It is by creating voters – not backing candidates – that the cycle of individual political agency begins."



I voted for President for the first time in 1996. To be sure, I was only in second grade at the time. But I remember the solemnity of the occasion as Mr. Segar's class filed down Park's large, central staircase and took turns using the old-fashioned voting machine in the lobby. As we headed back upstairs, we whispered our respective choices to one another. I argued with the girl in front of me, who had pulled

the lever for Dole. Since our best lines began, "Well, my parents....," I'd say neither of us won that debate.

By the time the next presidential election arrived in 2000, Park had — alas — shifted to paper balloting. Nonetheless, as a sixth grader, I was excited to actually know which candidate I was voting for and why. That past summer, I had gone to both national conventions as a kid reporter

for *The Tennessee Tribune*. I'd heard the rhetoric, watched the pageantry, collected the signs, and even attended a few of the parties. I may have started my first article for the Tribune with a Harry Potter metaphor, but I was old enough to have already formed some strong opinions — opinions I made clear in my Morning Meeting presentation that fall.

My preference prevailed at Park but unfortunately, not in the Electoral College. On Election Night, I found myself at the Boston headquarters of Voter.com, helping to update results on

that notoriously failed to open.

That fall, a group of my high school friends organized as the group, “Students for Kerry.” We ran canvassing trips up to New Hampshire almost every weekend. In the final days before the election, I abandoned school and went down to do GOTV (Get-Out-The-Vote) in Allentown, the heart of Pennsylvania's swing region. Going door-to-door that fall was my first real experience of the person-to-person persuasion that's essential in any political race. It's hard work and chock-full of rejection, but I learned to love the

price of two large pies from the place across the parking lot. Working on an insurgent campaign was an exhilarating experience, and as the months passed we watched one of the largest grassroots movements Massachusetts had ever seen grow before our eyes.

When Election Day arrived that November, I still couldn't vote. But I spent the day handing out stickers for a State Senate write-in race and then served as an official observer of the vote tally (ballots are hand-counted in a write-in race) before dashing over to Hynes Convention Center to hear

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the political website as numbers came in from the AP. My father and I stayed at the office watching Florida switch back and forth, and when we went to bed at 3 a.m., we were still confused. For weeks afterwards, I followed the political drama as it unfolded. 2000 was a difficult year to be paying attention to presidential politics for the first time; the perplexing series of events didn't exactly offer a classic Civics lesson.

By 2004, I wanted to be more than a spectator. I interned at the Democratic convention that summer, working in the Communications Department at the DNCC for June and July. During the actual event, I ran errands, managed delegate breakfasts, answered reporters' questions about the number of superdelegates (trivial information, back then), and switched upcoming speeches from teleprompter to press release format. This final task was the reason that, having already read the keynote speech, I knew to rush out to the floor to hear Barack Obama's delivery. Later that week, I sat in the rafters as Senator Kerry delivered his acceptance speech. I had a first-rate view of the balloon nets

sense of accomplishment that comes after a long day of door knocking. I also realized, as I talked to voters in New Hampshire and Pennsylvania, how much they differed from the absurd caricatures put forth by pundits throughout the election season. Human beings, when you meet them in person, are hard to simplify down to categories. I'd definitely recommend a canvassing trip in a battleground state to anyone who currently dismisses whole swathes of the country as “stupid” or “evil.”

After Kerry's loss in November, I turned my attention to state politics. In 2005, my friends and I volunteered for Deval Patrick at the State Democratic Platform Convention. We made up about half of Patrick's volunteers at a time when no one thought he had a chance in the democratic primary, much less the general election. Wearing neon green t-shirts and passing out literature, we talked up our candidate to everyone who would listen. Over the next year-and-a-half, we regularly traveled to Patrick's headquarters in Charlestown to stuff envelopes and make phone calls. In the process, we ate so much pizza that I still know the

Gov. Patrick's victory speech. It was the first time I'd ever backed a winner. I've since supported one more, when I worked the polls (and cast my first vote!) for John Connolly in the 2007 Boston City Council At-Large race.

I hope I'm working for another successful candidate now. I spent this summer in Chicago as an intern in the Political Department at Senator Barack Obama's presidential campaign headquarters. The pace here is crazy, but the atmosphere of the office, packed with smart, enthusiastic young staffers, is extremely energizing. Sometimes I don't leave until well after 9 p.m., and even then there are always people still sitting at their desks. We want Obama to win in November and we're doing everything we can to make it happen. ★ ★ ★

1931

Erdna Reggio Rogers reports, "I still have my Park School diploma, dated, June 6, 1930. Betsy Ball, Honey Vose, Betty Vose, Katherine Robbins, Frances Moffat, Blanche D'Riorden, Sally Scudder, and me, Erdna Reggio! I'm 91 years old and still around. Best to all!"

1932

"I expect to turn 90 in June, 2008, and all is still well!" writes **H. Bruce Ehrmann**. "Fond memories of Park, from the 20's and 30's, elicit a smile rather often."

1938

Class Representative

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1947

Park holds many memories for **Laura Reynolds Appell**, "despite the fact that WWII cut short my Park education. I and my brothers and sisters all had the measles, which cut short my 7th grade year (we were all quarantined during the last month or so of the spring term and there were 50 of us!) The following school year, our parents started off teaching the five of us using the Calvert Home School Curriculum, but that also was cut short when our father was shipped to Portland, Oregon. A month or two later our mother packed up us up to follow our father who was in the Naval Medical Service. There we were all enrolled in a nice private school which we attended until our dad was reassigned to a post in California. At that point we left school early and returned to the East Coast. By the time the next school year rolled around, I had only one year left to be enrolled in Park, so was switched to Beaver Country Day while my sister and brother returned to Park. This cut short my expected graduation from Park!"

"After Beaver I attended McGill University in Montreal, and after graduation from there worked for a brief time for the Mass Audubon Society before securing a job at the Peabody Museum at Harvard. A year or so after that, I married George Appell, a graduate student in anthropology. After my husband received a full scholarship to pursue his PhD at the Australian National University, we moved there a month before our first



In April, a large contingent of the Class of 1953 gathered for a 55th Reunion lunch.



Thanks to organizers Bob Kenerson and Bob Bray and host Dick Chute. They're already planning their 60th!

daughter was born. Shortly after that we began fieldwork in British North Borneo and have been engaged over the past 50 years in the pursuit of recording their society from an untouched ethnic group into the modern world of today.

"We will continue our work with these friends for the rest of our lives while we attempt to help ease them into the "modern" world they have been thrown into through social change. We have had several visitors amongst these friends here to stay with us over the past several years, hoping to share with them our way of life after having been their guests for many so years. They are a wonderful people, gentle and kind. We have been very lucky to have had such a privilege in sharing!"

1950

Class Representative

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1953

Class Representative

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The Class of 1953 had a 55th Reunion in April 2008 with record turnout! In attendance were: Jo and **Read Albright**, Kay and **Quincy Spear**, Andrea and **Peter Wetherbee**, Pat and **Dick Chute**, Ruth and **Bob Kenerson**, **Elson Blunt**, **Polly Burris Elkins**, **Posy Faulkner**, **Jean Snedeker Hughes**, **Kitty and Bob Sturgis**, **Dina and Bob Bray**, **Julie Broderick O'Brien**, **Beezee Bartol Noble**, and **Tish Higginson Biggar**. The group gathered at The Country Club in Brookline for a Sunday afternoon luncheon. Former Board Chair David Fubini came to share insights about the current Park School. In all, it was a terrific gathering—special thanks to Bob Kenerson and Bob Bray for organizing this lovely event and to Dick Chute for hosting. We hope to stay in touch and see everyone again for the 60th!

1959 50th Reunion!

Class Representative Needed!

1963

Class Representative

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Kris Cunningham Rogers has settled in Solana Beach, California, where she works in the area of computer security. "My three brothers Frank (a.k.a. Sandy), Hugo, and Eric are all still living in the Boston area (Arlington, Bay Village, and Malden, respectively). Kris and her husband, Wayne, have three grown children who live in Bakersfield, California, New York City, and Kaialua, Hawaii. "We are trying to balance work so we have both time and money to visit!"

1966

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Class Representative

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Clara Richardson writes, "Greetings, Park School! I am sorry to be missing our reunion, but have a prior commitment that weekend. Life is full of change, but just now mine is incremental. Daughter Kate is in high school—she says it's no different. We have proceeded through Harry (7) and wonder what's next. The dog is a year older and more mellow—maybe. My Field Museum illustration job and involvement with the Guild of Natural Science Illustrators continues to be rewarding. Where is the time for me to draw or to learn new software? Cheers, all!"

1969 40th Reunion!

Class Representative Needed!

1972

Class Representative

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1973

Class Representatives

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Maggie Frank O'Connor writes "With many busy schedules, especially in May and June, the turnout for our 35th Reunion was small, but was still a great time. We met with assorted Park alumni in the school dining room and at Legal Seafood, but it was very fun. It never ceases to amaze me how easily we can "reconnect" with our old friends, even if we haven't seen them in many years. We will always have certain things in common, memories of many of the same people, and something to talk about. We've all grown and changed in many ways, but there is something about us that still seems the same! As I said to those of us who were there, I think we look pretty darn good, which means we are aging nicely! This year most of us either have or will turn 50—maybe we should get together for a celebration before the year is out! **Eric Zimberg** was here from San Diego last week visiting his folks on the Cape and in Vermont



Eric Zimberg visited with Maggie Frank O'Connor this summer.

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and we met in Auburn for dinner. It was fun catching up with him. I wish I had half the memory he has—although some of his memories were of "getting in trouble" so maybe I'm better off without those! Eric is one of the many teachers that Park has produced, and we had some great conversations about how to handle kids who aren't motivated, don't come from good homes, etc. This was especially helpful to my husband, who is an attorney in Springfield and spends considerable time defending kids in Juvenile Court. Of course kids get arrested for every little thing these days, but hopefully Eric gave Tom some tips on how to help get these kids moving in a better direction. In the awful sadness of yet another loss

of a member of our beloved Storey family, I did have the pleasure of seeing other old friends, as well as some of the parents of old friends, and, of course the Storey and Burlingham group. The kids of Barbara, Susan, and Eliza are so grown up and fine looking and doing so well; it was wonderful to hear and to have the chance to meet them. It was amazing to hear the beautiful voice of **Susan Storey Frank** (the one she was working on starting back in nursery school) as she sang for her dearly departed sister. One of these days I'm going to go see her at a concert and I promise I will report back to you all. In any case, I do hope we get a better group together in five more years, but even a small group was well worth it and a lot of fun." **Grace Carroll Dana** lives in Chestnut Hill and works at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. "I have two daughters: Alex is at St. Andrew's in Scotland, and Lacey is at Brookline High School. I look forward to seeing everyone again at Reunion."

1974 35th Reunion!

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We were happy to see **Sarah Henry Lederman** when she stopped by last spring for a short visit and look around. She was pleased to see her old teachers, Raine Miller and Linda Knight, and she spent a little time in an art class with one of her two nieces who are now at Park. Sarah has been teaching high school history at the Dalton School in N.Y.C. for about six years and has just been appointed department head.

1975

Class Representatives

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Class Representative

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1977

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Juliet Lamont says, "Life in Berkeley is busy and good. Working on water and climate change, trying to protect and restore as much as we can. Traveled to Botswana in the fall of '07 on a wildlife-watching trip – incredible experience! Still spending as much time outdoors as possible."

1978

Class Representative

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Lydia Martin was not able to attend her 30th Reunion at Park because she is "now the director of development at Friends' Central School, and we celebrated our Reunion the same day. Friends' Central is a lovely place. In many important ways it reminds me



Hillary Grinker '80 recently married Tom Bishop

of Park. My husband, Bill, is the dean of faculty and all three of our children are lucky enough to be FCS students. We moved in with both of my parents almost four years ago. My father suffered acutely from Parkinson's disease, and his care and their household were becoming too much for my mother to manage alone. Dad fell and died from his injuries about a year and half ago. Though we miss him terribly, I have come to accept that this death spared him a much more difficult and painful one. We are all glad to be with Mom now. My children love living with her!"

1979



30th Reunion!

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1980

Class Representatives

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Several members of the Class of 1980 responded to our request for news. **Cobina Gillitt** had a quiet summer while her daughter Coraya (9) was away at camp and her husband, Corin, and son Coda (12) traveled around Indonesia. "I've been working on two books and an article. This is the first time I've been alone, without family, in 19 years. It's been both liberating and lonely. I'm looking forward to everyone coming home

though and for the fall semester to start at N.Y.U. where I'm on faculty in the Drama Department." **Hillary Grinker** has "remarried a great guy, Tom Bishop. We live in Palm Beach in the winter and Nantucket in the summer. I have been doing some private equity investing and Tom has a real estate brokerage firm. We have an eleven-year-old and a five-year-old. I have become very attached to tennis and have taken up golf since Tom used to be a golf pro. We ski a lot in Telluride and bought a small condo there. I have also sold my antique shop on Nantucket and am doing private sales now." **Joe Kahn** and his wife Shannon returned from China earlier this year and settled in New York City. "We have a son, Samuel, who just passed his 100th day, which is supposed to mark a milestone in Chinese culture (he started laughing, which also seems like a milestone). After a stint as a



Jillian Rudman's Weimaraner Murphy Moon, and an unidentified pooch

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foreign correspondent, mostly in Asia, I agreed to take a job as an editor at *The New York Times*, and am currently helping supervise foreign news in print and on the web. New York's air, at least in comparison with Beijing's, is crystalline." Congratulations to **Arabella (Annabelle) Leet** and husband, Steven Nyman, on the arrival of Kenneth Francis Nyman, who was born on April 17, 2008. From Dana Point, California, **Sabrina Mott** reports that all is well with children Alex (16), Jonathan (14), Allison (13), Silver (a Golden Retriever), and two cats, Jasmine and Shadow. "I am presently working for Kindercare, where I am the Assistant Director. I am enjoying my role there as I am still able to interact with the children, which is what I love best." "If dogs and boats are the theme," writes **Sudie Naimi Giovanni** to her classmates, "I am going to put in my own two cents. I just got back from a couple weeks sailing off the coast of Maine with our four boys for crew. We left Leo, our fifth boy (four month old yellow lab) in good hands while we were away, but were glad to return home to see him." From Mill Valley, California, **Jillian Rudman** writes "Jim and I are living with our Weimaraner who is affectionately known as Murphy Moon. While Mill Valley has become a bit "precious" we absolutely love our tree house on the side of Mt. Tam and appreciate the magic of living in nature. I am still running a small firm dedicated to helping companies in the financial services industry figure out who they want to be when they grow up. My brother **Gary Rudman '82** is living just down the street from us with his wife Justine and their three children. They have a minivan that is off-brand for our family. Our home is always

open for those who venture out to the left coast." **Greg Welpton** is "still living in Douglas, Alaska, on the water, building boats, fishing quite a bit, sailing a little bit and walking my dogs on sandy beach. Hope all in the class are well!"

1981

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Chris Bergland's book *The Athlete's Way: Training Your Mind to Experience the Joy of Exercise*, came out in paperback in June, 2008. It is an updated version of the hardcover edition.

1982

Class Representatives

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Brad Swett has moved to East Aurora (south of Buffalo, New York), and reports "Daughter Lucie is four and a delight. Cheers, Brad."

1983

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Please see pages 22-27 for 25th Reunion biographies!



In April, the Baker sisters Louise '92 (left) and Mary Sarah '87 (right) gathered in L.A. to celebrate Nancy '85 at the opening of her first solo art show.

1984



25th Reunion!

Class Representative

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Elena Wethers Thompson sends this greeting: "Hope all my classmates are doing well. Keep writing in; I love reading about what you are all doing. My family and I picked up and moved from Boston to Baltimore, where my husband is from, and we are getting settled with our new home and Maryland life. Our kids are a handful at one and two and a half, but such a joy."

1985

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Nancy Baker had her first solo show ("Spring-loaded") at the Tinlark Gallery in L.A. this spring. At the opening on April 12, all but five of the 43 pieces sold! In addition to her sisters and her parents, two Park alums attended the opening: **Amy Stevens Hammond** and **Jill Bernheimer '86**. Nancy's artist statement and most of the work in the show is on her website: www.nancybakercapill.com

1986

Class Representatives

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1987

Class Representatives

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Mary Sarah Baker was honored to be a bridesmaid at **Annamary Burton's** April wedding in New Orleans. **John Butera** writes that he and his wife Carrie are having their second little boy, due on August 1st. John's other son Jacky is now three years old. **Amy Saltonstall Isaac** writes, "All is well in the Isaac household. Molly (4) and Georgia (2) are having a great summer, and we have had lots of free time to just play, swim, and enjoy the lack of a schedule. I am chairing the Board at Molly's school this year, so that will certainly keep me busy on top of all the other things going on. I am already enjoying the work with the teachers and director at a wonderful preschool in Newton. We see lots of old Park buddies all the time. It's amazing how those bonds last!"



Greg Welpton '80 enjoys walking his dogs on the beach in Douglas, Alaska



Annamary Burton '87 surrounded by her beautiful bridesmaids, including Park School classmate Mary Sarah Baker



John Butera '87 with his three-year-old son, Jacky



Vanessa Kerry '92 is engaged to Brian Nahed

1988

Class Representative

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School archivist Nancy Faulkner has been corresponding with **Ramsay Westgate** via email. He lives in San Jose, where he teaches 11th & 12th grade at The Harker School, a private K-12 high school. "The school is a

snapshot of Silicon Valley life, with most of my students being first-generation-born American citizens, and largely coming from the Indian sub-continent or the Far East (China and Taiwan). My wife, Andrea, teaches at a nearby public high school, and our daughter, Sarah (a precocious and energetic dynamo), will be three in December. Love to hear from any Park alums living in the Bay Area, and hope to make it back for reunion 25 since I missed number 20."

1989



20th Reunion!

Class Representatives

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1990

Class Representatives

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1991

Class Representative Needed

THE ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD



Established in 1999, the Alumni Award for Distinguished Service is presented annually at graduation to an alumna or alumnus of The Park School for dedicated service to the Park community. Board Chair Kevin Maroni presented the award on behalf of the Alumni Committee.

Mark Epker, Class of 1986

Mark Epker has maintained close friendships with many of his Park classmates, reflecting the cherished bonds he established during his days as a student, 22 years ago. Mark believes deeply in the power of a strong connection between alumni and the current Park community; through his

dedicated alumni service during the past ten years, he has consistently demonstrated this conviction.

Over the course of this decade, Mark has enthusiastically served as his Class Representative, while also playing an active role on the Alumni Committee. Mark co-chaired the Committee from 2005–2007; during his term, he was instrumental in establishing the Alumni Speaker Series, as well as instituting the Alumni Achievement Award. This award honors a graduate whose contributions to society have distinguished him or herself; 2008 marks the first year of the award's presentation. Mark also spearheaded the practice of inviting School administrators and faculty to Alumni Committee meetings, and in advocating for alumni representation on the Board of Trustees. Both of these

initiatives underscore his commitment to strengthening the ties between the past and present-day Park School. During his 20th Reunion year, he was integral in establishing and fund raising for the Class of 1986 Financial Aid Fund, which supports Steppingstone student scholars.

We thank Mark for his many years of dedicated and heartfelt service to the greater Park community, and we are grateful that he remains an active member of the Alumni Committee even beyond the term of his leadership role. His continued commitment is an inspiration and an example to others.

1992

Class Representative Needed

"All is well in San Francisco," reports **Laura Dahmen Merriman**. "My husband and I are expecting our first child in May!"

1993

Class Representatives

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1994 15th Reunion!

Class Representatives

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Justin Cherry writes, "After working with Ben Stiller on this summer's *Tropic Thunder*, I have ventured off on my own. I am currently writing a comedy screenplay and am simultaneously developing several projects for my production company. I truly love Los Angeles and look forward to visiting Boston and Park soon." Congratulations to **Sam Glickman**! We read that on March 28, Sam, who is in his last year of medical school at

Brown, married Stephanie Carter, a Wellesley graduate who just finished a combined degree of MD and MPH at Brown. We heard from Susie Halligan that **Kristen Sullivan** is working as a financial journalist for an Internet startup (FiLife) owned by the *Wall Street Journal*, Dow Jones and ICA. "The site hasn't officially launched yet, but I thought Kristen's article on 'Why Don't More Employers Provide Independent 401k Advice for Free?' might be of interest to you all. She will tell you that Park gave her a great foundation and love for (in her case) English and writing and math!"

1995

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We hear from his sister, Astrid (Class of 1998), that **Ladd Lewis-Thorne** is sailing around the world and loves it!

NOMINATIONS FOR THE PARK ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award is to be given to the Park alumnus/alumna who exemplifies the School's values and educational mission through distinctive achievement in their community or field of endeavor. This person's leadership and contributions have made a meaningful impact and inspire our current students and alumni.

The Alumni Achievement Award will be presented at Reunion (May 9, 2009).

To nominate a Park alumnus/a for this award, please include your nominee's name, class year, profession, and reason for nomination. **All submissions must be received by Monday, December 1st, to be considered for the 2009 award.**

alumni@parkschool.org
or

The Park School Alumni Office
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News From Park Alumni

We LOVE hearing from our alumni and know that classmates are waiting to learn about their Park School friends.
SEND IN CLASS NOTES and PHOTOS to:

Alumni Office
The Park School

✉ 171 Goddard Avenue, Brookline, MA 02445

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🖱 alumni@parkschool.org



The three Freifeld brothers gathered in Brookline this summer. From L-R, Clarke '93 and his wife, Andee Krasner, Jacob '89 and his wife, Karen Grunberg, and Danny '94 and his wife, Leila Abolfazli

PARK IN THE CITY!

FEBRUARY 28, 2008

On a cold night in February, more than 40 Park alumni, past parents, grandparents, and friends gathered at Lincoln Center's Avery Fisher Hall for a spirited New York City reception. Head of School Jerry Katz spoke about current events at Park, and alumni participated in a Park School trivia contest! Many thanks to event hostess Mary Sarah Baker '87 and to the Park-in-N.Y.C. volunteers who helped to organize this festive event. If you are in the New York City area and would like to be involved in Park in N.Y.C. events, please contact Director of Alumni Relations Eliza Drachman-Jones '98 at alumni@parkschool.org or 617-274-6022.



Oliver Libby '96 and Alan Poussaint '94



Suzy McManmon '97 and Emmy O'Connell '96



Ben Rothstein '98 and Astrid Levis-Thorne '98



Tyler Coburn '98 and Tom Burns

1997

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The Class of 1997 is in every corner of the globe. **Anna Bacon** is in New York City, but, on August 16, she was on the coast at Southport, Maine, getting married to Adam Foster-Webster! **Anna Lewis** has moved back to Los Angeles. In Bali, **Sarah Conway** is working in conservation finance and traveling to Cambodia and other parts of Southeast Asia for work and play. **Tyler Steffey** just completed three years of teaching with Teach For America. In January he moved down to Punta Del Este, Uruguay, to be the assistant director of a local secondary school. Tyler writes "It has been wonderful. Other than continuing to



Bride Anna Bacon '97 with Nia Lutch (an intern at Park this year) who, along with Anna's brother, Nick Bacon '93, were in the wedding party.

learn as much about education as possible, I have been cooking a bunch, traveling around the area, and just enjoying life abroad. Though I love being in a foreign place and speaking Spanish (and trying to pick up Portuguese), it has taken this large step for me to realize how much I miss Beantown." Tyler is hoping to move back to Boston in December and adds, "I hope to cross paths with many of you then."

1998

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Congratulations to **Daphne Johnson**, who is engaged to Brandon Berger. **Astrid Levis-Thorn** writes "I recently switched jobs from working for Alicia Keys and am now working for Harvey Weinstein at The Weinstein Company. It is very demanding, and I work all the time but it is fulfilling and I am learning a lot. I am lucky because being in N.Y.C., I get to catch up with other Parkies including **Jon Tucker**, **Lydia Potter**, and **Tyler Coburn** from time to time. My

Did you learn your third "R" (Rithmetic) at Park? Do you use math and science in your work now? We want to know about you! The Spring 2009 **Bulletin** will feature profiles of Park alumni who use science and math. Engineers, scientists, mathematicians and such, please let us hear from you by December 1, 2008.



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Stu McNay '97 US Olympic Sailing Team leader Dean Brenner complimented Stu McNay and his 470-class teammates on their 2008 Olympic Games. While skipper Stu and his partner Graham Biehl did not finish in the top ten, they "came to these Olympics ahead of schedule, so to speak. Their goal at the outset of their campaign was to qualify and be competitive at the 2012 Games. But they were competitive here. They won two races at these Olympics, and clearly have the stuff to compete. They were a little inconsistent, but if they apply themselves appropriately there is no doubt in my mind that they can be a force on the international scene." Congratulations, Stu, from all your friends at Park!



PARK ALUMNI NIGHT AT FENWAY

MONDAY, MAY 19, 2008

On an unseasonably chilly night in May, 104 Park alumni and friends trooped into the Fenway bleachers and were treated to a taste of history as Jon Lester threw a no-hitter against the Kansas City Royals. Greg Kadetsky '96 saw his name in lights on the Jumbotron during the on-field pre-game ceremony. And despite the preponderance of winter hats, scarves, gloves, and rosy noses, everyone agreed that this new alumni event should become a tradition. While we can't promise a no-hitter every year, we can guarantee a good time. Watch your email in the spring for your chance to get in on the 2009 Alumni Night at Fenway!

Alumni Athletes Panel

March 27, 2008

The latest in the Speakers Series sponsored by the Park Alumni Committee, the Alumni Athletes Panel in March was a fascinating event that provided a glimpse into the lives of three alumni athletes. David Jenkins '94, captain of the Boston Cannons (Boston's professional lacrosse team), Sara Redd '00, NCAA tennis champion, and John Bullitt '06, Rivers School basketball player shared their perspectives on Park, athletics, and their intersection. All three pointed to their experiences at Park as formative to their respective athletic paths and underscored the importance of sportsmanship among their bedrock values. Park's Athletics Director Bob Little moderated the discussion and wove in updates about the current Park athletic program. The alumni

and current parents who attended the event were unanimous in proclaiming the program riveting and timely, and the panelists impressive and inspiring. Stay tuned for the next event in the Alumni Speaker Series. If you have suggestions for topics and/or speakers, please email alumni@parkschool.org or call 617-274-6022.



brother **Ladd Levis-Thorne '96** is sailing around the world right now and loving it. He is currently in Australia. I miss everyone and had a great time seeing people at the Reunion." **Taki Michaelidis** is living in Washington, D.C., working as a healthcare consultant and applying to medical school. Taki saw **Alex Kehlenbeck** at the end of July. **Sam Plimpton** is living in Glendale, California, where he is working in music publishing for TV and film at a company called Heavy Hitters Music Group. "We license tracks to film and television and handle music clearance as well. It's on the legal side and is a great end of the business." Sam writes that he has been living in Los Angeles for five years now and sees **Jonathan Tucker** from time to time. **Katherine Scully** is in her second year of law school at Columbia University. She spent the summer on a "human rights fellowship in the Philippines, writing a legislative proposal for protection of Filipino international labor migrants." **Ashley White-Stern** writes, "I am back in the Bay Area, studying for my master's exam and en route to my PhD. (I'm in the film studies track of the Rhetoric Department at U.C. Berkeley.) Things are great here; Northern California is lovely this time of year. I had such fun at the Reunion, and of course I'd be delighted to have any other '98-ers come out to visit! Get in touch over Facebook or email!"

1999 10th Reunion!

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Lindsay Segar begins a doctor of psychology program at the Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology this fall.

2000

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2001

Class Representatives

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Mally Smith graduated with a BA, *Phi Beta Kappa*, from George Washington University this spring and was honored by the Nancy Diers Johnson Award for excellent choreography. At the beginning of June, she headed off to Galway, Ireland, to find work in the daytime and to sing in pubs in the evenings. The several Park faculty who turned out to hear Mally and her father sing and play guitar at an open-mike evening at Emack & Bolio's in Roslindale in late May were delighted with her singing. Good luck, Mally, and keep us posted.

2002

Class Representative

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Katherine Brustowicz was class president of the junior class at Bates College this past year. She just spent a fabulous second semester in Krakow, Poland, studying at the Jagiellonian University. After a very successful rugby season she unfortunately tore her ACL and has to take the fall semester off from the sport. She was looking forward to "writing my senior psychology thesis, finishing up my pre-med classes and polishing off my philosophy minor." **Claire McKinsey Davis** has run away to New York, and within the span of a month has run into **Sara'o Bery** twice in the subway! **Gabby Emanuel** is set to graduate from Dartmouth College in 2010. She took a year off to work in Uganda and is now spending the summer with other Dartmouth sophomores horseback riding, sailing, fishing, and building things in the woodshop! **Max Hendren** is working as a graphic designer for the electronics company, Myvu. He reports that they make "personal media viewers" such as sunglasses that plug into portable devices for viewing of content in front of you. He also manages former classmate **Rob O'Block's** band, Project Blue Book. Max writes "you should come check out a show!" **Jesse Paulsen** is ready to start his senior year at Haverford College, where he majors in the theatre with the Swarthmore Drama Department. He was awarded the Haverford Hurford Humanities Center Lutton Fund to write and direct a play for his senior thesis. The project



Astrid Pacini '09, Bernardo Pacini '11, Carter Rose '11 and Patrick Rose '14 sail in Newport, Rhode Island with an Optimist team called FAST.

will take all year and wrap up in April. **Pearson Smith** spent a month backpacking in the Australian Outback. **Hide Tonegawa** had a summer internship at Lehman Brothers in Tokyo. He will graduate from MIT in the spring with a degree in neuroscience, a minor in psychology, and possibly a second minor in finance. **Neville Williams** is serving as a clerk magistrate in the Lynn District Court and is learning "all I wanted to know (and more) about criminal and civil law."

2003

Class Representative

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Yanni Laskaris writes "I recently spent a month studying the climate, geology, and geothermal energy of Iceland as part of my "Dialogue with Civilizations Program" with Northeastern. Some landforms I studied were glaciers, volcanoes, hot springs, geysers, and active rift zones."

2004

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Jennifer Rappaport graduated from Noble and Greenough School this spring. She received the Grandin Wise Award for Community Service and the Head of School Award. Jennifer is heading to Harvard this Fall.

See page 58 for other college choices for the Class of 2005.

2006

Class Representatives

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Former faculty member Sally Baker tells us, "I ran into **Felicia Aikens**, **Susan Langer**, and **Danielle** and **Arielle Rabinowitz** (both '07) in February when I attended *Anyone Can Whistle* at BB&N. All the girls except Arielle were in the musical, and we all congregated in the lobby afterwards. Since it's always an unexpected surprise to run into former Park students, the afternoon was delightful all around!"

2007

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Classes of
2006, 2007,
2008, and 2009

Save The Date!

Yule Festival and Bagel Breakfast

Friday, December 19, 2008

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

The Park School dining room



Young Alumni BBQ

August 6, 2008

A little rain didn't keep 20 members of the Classes of 2001–2008 away from the annual Young Alumni BBQ. Daly Franco '05, Peter Boskey '05 and Noah Schumer '04 were our three lucky raffle winners, bringing home some fabulous prizes. Stayed tuned for details on Park's next event for recent graduates—the Young Alumni Bagel Breakfast on Friday, December 19, 9:00 a.m., right before Yule Festival! If you would like more information on this event, please contact Director of Alumni Relations Eliza Drachman-Jones at alumni@parkschool.org or 617-274-6022.





During a basketball playoff game this spring, **Lizzie Ayoub '09** was named by the Boston Celtics as one the "Heroes Among Us," a program in which the Celtics honor individuals who have done notable work in the community. Here is how she was recognized at the Garden: *"When Lizzie Ayoub was seven years old, she befriended Suzanne, a patient at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. When Suzanne died of cancer, Lizzie became determined to help other children in similar circumstances. This started with her next birthday when she asked for donations to St. Jude's instead of gifts. Lizzie's amazing philanthropic spirit did not end there. She used her passion for singing to compose a CD with 100% of the proceeds going directly to help fund research for pediatric illnesses. At only fourteen years old, Lizzie has already performed at benefit concerts throughout the country, and through her CD has amazingly raised over \$15,000 to benefit kids with cancer. For her incredible generosity to others at such a young age, please join us in welcoming tonight's Hero Among Us, Lizzie Ayoub."*

COLLEGE CHOICES

Ana Alvarado
Arden Assee
Mercy Bell
James Billman
Peter Boskey
Anna Broido
Lelia Bullitt
John Dean
Clara Dennis
Amos Denny
Camilla Elvis
Andrew Emmons
Oliver English
Rebecca Feinberg
Caroline Fox
Daly Franco
Samantha Frick
Sophie Gage
Leila Gerstein
Kylie Gleason
Kamran Golestaneh
Colleen Haggerty
Camilla Hermann
John Howard
Carrie Hui
Rachel Kay
Laura Kerry
Nicholas Krone

Wesleyan University
Indiana State University
Stanford University
University of Vermont
Syracuse University
Boston College
Kenyon College
Cornell University
Sarah Lawrence College
University of Denver (Fall 2009)
Barnard College
Hampshire College
Cornell University
Harvard University
Wesleyan University
Barnard College
Curry College
Ohio Wesleyan
Clark University
Harvard University
Roger Williams College
U.S. Air Force Academy
New York University
Vanderbilt University
Tufts University
Brown University
Vassar College
University of Miami

Sabrina Lee
Evan Leventhal
Michael Martignetti
Michelle Mathai
Jamie Maynard
Lauren Miller
Alison Newman
Christopher Oates
Gregory O'Block
Olamide Oladipo
Telemachus Pasquale
Samuel Peabody
Jennifer Poorvu
Jennifer Rappaport
Simon Reale
Gabriel Saltzman
Elicana Saltzman
Gordon Sayre
Ashley Sharp
Eleanor Shepley
Corey Simpson
Khari Slaughter
Louisa Smith
Alyssa Stetson
Alexander Tejada
Natasha Terhorst
Camille White-Stern

Harvard University
University of Denver
Trinity College
Colby College
Trinity College
Williams College
St. Andrews, Scotland
Brown University
New York University
Harvard University
Northeastern University
Hamilton College
Vanderbilt University
Harvard University
Georgetown University
Tufts University
Williams College
Brown University
Georgetown University
Kenyon College
Boston University
Sarah Lawrence College
University of Vermont
McGill University
Dartmouth College
Columbia University
New York University

Please note that the above list, compiled by the Alumni Office, does not include all members of the Class of 2005. Alumni not appearing on this list are either postponing attending a college or university in the fall, or have not submitted their information to our office. Please call the Alumni Office at 617-274-6022 or email alumni@parkschool.org with any changes or additional information. *Thank you.*

NEXT SCHOOLS FOR GRADE VIII CLASS OF 2009

Departing members of the Class of 2009.



Daniel Bender Stern
Alice Berenson
Emily Bloch
Kristopher Bronner
Nicholas Cary
Diana Chaves
Benjamin Coen
Christopher Collins-Pisano
Brandon Daly
Nicholas Deveau
Emmanuel Duarte-Perlovsky
Elijah Edelstein-Welch
Keyan Golestaneh
Miranda Haymon
Grace Jacob
Alana Johnson
Nicole Johnson
Christina Lelon
Bennett Levine
David Livingstone
Stephanie Mehlman
Sarita Mishra
John Murchison
Astrid Pacini
Thomas Porter
Max Romanow
Samantha Shalom
Madeleine Smith
Zoe Ulrich
Keyon Vafa
Augusta Winthrop
Julie Wolpow
Connor Woods

Newton North High School
Buckingham Browne & Nichols School
The Winsor School
Beaver Country Day School
Belmont Hill School
Brimmer and May School
Roxbury Latin School
Noble and Greenough School
Milton Academy
Milton Academy
Brookline High School
St. Sebastian's School
Tabor Academy
Phillips Academy, Andover
Milton Academy
Concord Carlisle High School
The Rivers School
Beaver Country Day School
Brookline High School
Concord Academy
Dana Hall School
Commonwealth School
Concord Academy
The Winsor School
Middlesex School
Brooks School
Dana Hall School
Noble and Greenough School
Boston Arts Academy
Milton Academy
The Winsor School
Middlesex School
Boston College High School

Current and Past Faculty News

Congratulations to **Janice Allen** (Music 1989-) and **Robert Brooks** (Kitchen Staff 2005-) on the birth of their 8 lbs. 8 oz. grandson, Cyrus Akeem, born to their son Cyrus on March 30, 2008.

Former Alumni Director **Amy DiAdamo Foster** welcomed a second son, Samuel Hastings Foster, who was born at 3:30 a.m. on July 10, 2008, weighing in at 7 lb. 6 oz. Franklin reports that "Sam and Amy are both doing well, and Henry survived his first visit as a big brother."



Sam Foster

Congratulations to **Emily Tucker** whose grandson, Nathaniel Kai Wang-Raymond, was born to her son, Eli Tucker-Raymond and his wife, Ellen Wang, on May 12, 2008 at 1:59 a.m., weighing 7 lbs. 2 oz. Emily reports that "Everyone is happily tired except 'grandma' who slept right through it!"

Pam Scott-Kay was in town in May, staying with past parent Kathy Church (her parent assistant in Kindergarten and Transition 18 years ago at Park). Pam's husband, Robert, is godfather to Chris Burrage '01 and they were in Boston before attending Chris's graduation from Bowdoin. Out for a morning jog, she stopped by Park on a whim and had a chance to say hello to many former Lower School colleagues. Pam lives in San Francisco and will be a neighbor to Wanda Holland Greene, the new head of school at The Hamlin School. The Scott-Kays do a lot of traveling (they celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary in Scotland recently). Pam runs a corporate gift service business, totally on-line. www.presenttimellc.com It was a great treat to see Pam!

We learned from past parent Gale Pasternack that **Ronnie Codrington-Cazeau** is now head of the middle school at her school in L.A. A note from Ronnie confirmed the news! "...the rumor is true; I am now head of middle school at Harvard-Westlake. I am also the mother of two children—Kaleigh (3) and Aidan or Cody for short (6)—who both attend The Center For Early Education—a pre-K through 6th grade school in Los Angeles. I also sit on the Board of Trustees of this school. I do enjoy hearing about my past students at Park and enjoy the *Bulletin* I still receive at home. I also get news from **Claire Pasternack '98**, whom I am proud to say is an excellent English and French teacher at HW. She also led our debate team to a state championship this year. While I was at a conference in San Francisco, I ran into **Liz Prives '96**, who recognized me while I was eating at a local restaurant, and past intern **Nat Damon** and I stay in touch. Nat will be the head of the lower school at a local elementary school, John Thomas Dye, beginning on July 1."

Fourth grade teacher **Ted Wells** and his wife, Anna, greeted their first son, Coley Wells, on September 3, 2008.



Coley Wells

Weddings & Commitments

1987

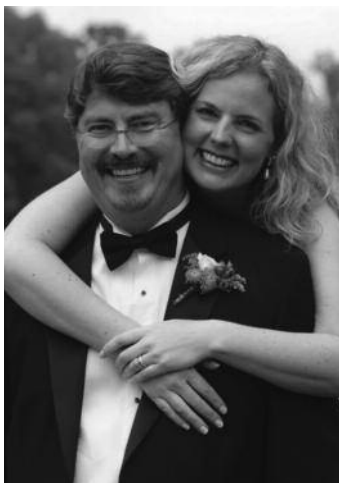
Annamary Burton and Gregory Thompson
April 26, 2008

Ashley Maddox and Manuel Luis Maria Cuauthémoc Malle
June 7, 2008

1994

Danny Freifeld and Leila Abolfazli
June 14, 2008

Sam Glickman and Stephanie Carter
March 28, 2008



Annamary Burton '87 married Gregory Thompson in New Orleans this spring



Danny Freifeld '94 with his bride Leila Abolfazli



Katharine Burrage '95 cuts a rug with new husband, Brian Schmitt

Ethan Kurzweil and Rebecca Hanover
August 2, 2008

1995

Will Schultz and Nina Wulff
June 21, 2008

Katharine Burrage and Brian Schmitt
August 2, 2008

1997

Anna Bacon and Adam Foster-Webster
August 16, 2008

1998

Christopher Ellis and Rachel Williams
August 2, 2008

Arrivals

1980

Steven Nyman and **Arabella (Annabelle) Leet**
Kenneth Francis Nyman
April 17, 2008

1983

Kevin and **Lisa Livens Freeman**
William John Freeman
April 9, 2008

Hugh Gaasch and **Elise Mott**
Henry Bradford Gaasch
October 21, 2007

1992

Tom Weigel and **Sarah Hall**
Hadley (Haddie) Tuckerman Weigel
April 6, 2008

Zachary Merriman and **Laura Dahmen Merriman**
Andrew (Drew) Merriman
May 10, 2008



Drew Merriman, the new son of Laura Dahmen Merriman '87

In Memoriam

Cornelia Baker Baxter '33
February 14, 2008
Sister of Theodore Baker '35, Frances Baker MacAusland '39, and Augusta Baker Thorndike '39

Roger Bond '37
March 14, 2008
Brother of W. Bradford Bond '40, cousin of Virginia Bridge Welch '48 and the late Harrison Bridge '53

James D. Colt '46
June 5, 2008
Brother of Mary F. Colt '44

Cecil Kent Drinker '36
August 30, 2008
Husband of Susan Bartol-Drinker '51
Step-father of James Crichton '77 and William Crichton '78

Marian Ferguson
May 5, 2008
Grandmother of Rees Hawkins '94, Merrill Hawkins '96, Lydia Hawkins '98, and Sam Hawkins '02

Deborah Brown Green '54
January 7, 2008
Sister of Constance A. Brown '64

Jerome H. Grossman
April 1, 2008
Father of Elizabeth Grossman '85, Kate G. Sutliff '88, and Amelia Grossman '91

William Jose
February 20, 2008
Father of Katharine Jose '97 and Whitney Wood Bylin '85

Hildegard B. Richardson
March 5, 2008
Mother of Henry H. Richardson IV '64 and Heidi R. Dyett '65
Widow of Henry H. Richardson III '23

Edward D. Rowley
February 7, 2008
Father of Davis Rowley '67

Molly Shugrue
January 7, 2008
Sister of Hillary Shugrue '93

Herbert S. (Hub) Sise
April 18, 2008
Father of Leslie (Lelie) Sise '57, James Sise '60, and Richard Sise '67

Seth Morton Vose II
December 5, 2007
Husband of the late Ruth Denny Vose '31
Father of Ruth S. Vose '58, Virginia Vose '60 and Seth M. Vose III '64

Jeptha H. Wade
August 8, 2008
Grandfather of Celeste Hughey '01

Thomas H. Weller
August 23, 2008
Grandfather of Susan Weller '95 and Nathaniel Weller '97

Alice Storey Wille '80
June 7, 2008
Daughter of James Storey '45
Sister of Barbara Storey McGrath '70, the late Mimi Storey Meley '71, Susan Storey Frank '73, and Eliza Storey Anderson '76
Stepsister of Robin Burlingham '75 and Nicholas Burlingham '77

Alberta Wyluda
January 21, 2008
Mother of E. Russell Wyluda '55 and Lynne W. Beasley '57

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MISS PARK'S SCHOOL

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1918-1919



TEACHING STAFF

Principal, JULIA B. PARK
 Head of Primary Department, GRACE M. HARRIS
 Secretary, MRS. CLAMPLIN BURRAGE
 Regular Ambassadors:
 FLORENCE E. HANDY SARAH A. FITZPATRICK
 ALICE LEE EDITH PARK
 Science, PROFESSOR GEORGE H. BARTON
 Music, MRS. C. H. DANFORTH and MISS HANDY
 French, MRS. E. E. WALKER
 Drawing and Modeling, EDITH PARK
 Sloyd, NANNY SWEET
 Kindergarten, GRETCHEN FISHER
 OUTING CLASS COACHES
 FLORENCE E. HANDY
 GEORGE B. EMBERTON

VISITORS

After November first, parents and friends are cordially invited to visit the school.
 During the school year, Miss Park and Mrs. Harris are at home to the parents on Monday afternoons from two to four o'clock, and at other times by appointment.

TELEPHONE

The school telephone is Brookline 1711. Assistant teachers and pupils may not answer the telephone during the school session. Messages may, however, be delivered to them through the secretary.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

A copy of rules regarding infectious diseases, adopted by various private schools in and about Boston, may be had upon application.

Furthermore, parents are requested:
 (a) To co-operate with the school in isolating infections of the respiratory tract—so-called running sore, a sore or dry throat, or a cough.
 (b) To notify the school immediately whenever a child has been exposed to an infectious disease.
 (c) To notify the school immediately whenever an infectious disease occurs in the home of a pupil.

If during the school session a pupil should develop symptoms of a cold or other indisposition likely to prove infectious, he will be isolated from his class and his parents will be asked to send for him. It is suggested to parents that children who have been excluded from school on account of exposure to infection or on account of suspicious symptoms in themselves refrain from attending Sunday-school, parties, etc.

PERSONAL PRO



TERMS

Places must be engaged for the entire year.

No reduction will be made for late entrance, for absence, or for withdrawal during the year, except in case of illness extending through an entire half-year, when half the fee for that period will be remitted.

Bills are payable semi-annually, in October and February.

It is understood that parents and guardians who place pupils in this school accept the terms and conditions stated above.

FEES

Kindergarten	\$ 75.00
Class I	115.00
Class II	140.00
Class III	165.00
Class IV	190.00
Class V	215.00
Class VI	225.00
Classes VII and VIII	250.00
Stationery and materials	4.00
Materials for drawing and clay modeling	3.00
Materials for sloyd and use of tools	3.00
Outing class:	
For attendance twice a week	\$25.00 for the year
For attendance once a week	15.00 for the year
Lunch	.50
Milk or cocoa at cost.	

COURSE OF STUDY

A copy of the Course of Study may be had upon application.



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